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Mission Statement of Mount St. Joseph Academy:
Our mission is to provide a personal, Catholic school community in the heart of Vermont. Founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mount St. Joseph focuses on the education of the whole person by integrating spiritual development, academics, extra-curricular activities, and community service into everyday life. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Mount St. Joseph students are self-confident and resolute. Our mission is to create a just world.

Letter from the Principal

My Dear Graduates of the Class of 2016:

Francis Bacon once said, "Silence is the sleep that nourishes wisdom." This statement represents the Mount St. Joseph Academy graduating class of 2016 in its entirety. The MSJ community has had the privilege of watching each of you grow and thrive over the past four years - all the while remaining relatively silent, nourishing the wisdom that you each possess and have shared with us all. As Henry David Thoreau said, "Silence alone is worthy to be heard."

When your class became Mounties in the late summer of 2012, you immediately became known as the "silent" class. You were all so very shy and timid when it came to sharing your thoughts and feelings in class. Each of you, however, was retaining all the information presented in each class, awaiting your moment to shine. As the years progressed, the relationships between you grew into incredible life-lasting friendships and you welcomed new class members. It was a joy to see the personalities of each member of the class of 2016 blossom.

Throughout your time at MSJ, your class has brought so much happiness, joy and laughter to the halls of Convent Avenue. The class of 2016 is certainly spirited! You've created so many memories - of high fives on the field, cheers in the stands, a dramatic flare in the theater, hysterical laughter in the cafeteria, and deep faith in the chapel. The closeness of your class is evident in everything that you do; in the support that you afford each other in the classroom, at sporting events, in Bagley Theater, and as members of the MSJ ensemble. It is seen during the tough times through the warm hugs you offer each other to bring comfort. It is obvious during the joyful times when State Championships were won or even during an original song sung while running for a position on the Student Government. The closeness and support that you each selflessly offer to each other has been endearing to observe. It is also something that makes your class unique and memorable.

As Seniors, the wisdom that you were nourishing throughout your silent moments is clear to all that know you. We could not be prouder of all of your accomplishments both in and out of the classroom. As a community, we are confident that each of you will be a great success at whatever you choose to do in the years to come. I look forward to seeing all the wisdom you will share with the world.

We will miss you, Class of 2016! Please come back and see us here at "The Mount" as frequently as possible. You may be alumni but you will always be "Mounties," no matter where you find your future.

I wish each of you all the wonder that life has to offer. This might be the end of one chapter but as Seneca sings, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

May God bless you,
Mrs. Sarah M. Fortier



Dedication

Ms. Diane Graves



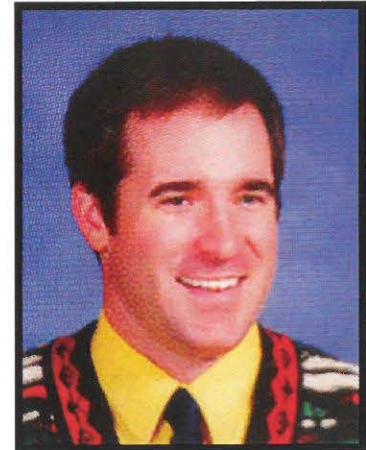
Ms. Diane Graves has played an essential role in the Mount St. Joseph community for the past four years and we do not know what we would do without her. Whether it's receiving a cheery 'hello' when you enter the office or sending her numerous things to print in a hurry, you can always count on Ms. Graves to be there for you. There is no doubt that she brings life and energy to the front office. She plays an important role at MSJ because if we did not have her, we would have never-ending classes without a bell, even if hers are sometimes late. Ms. Graves is always a favorite with the students because of her witty comments and a contagious smile. Students love to visit her whether it is for a quick chat or a piece of candy.

When asked what the first word that comes to mind when thinking of Ms. Graves, students said "sassy," "helpful," "hardworking," and "wonderful." No matter what is happening in the school, we can count on Ms. Graves to make sure that things are running smoothly. We are extremely grateful to her and happy to dedicate this year's yearbook to her. Thank you for all that you do.

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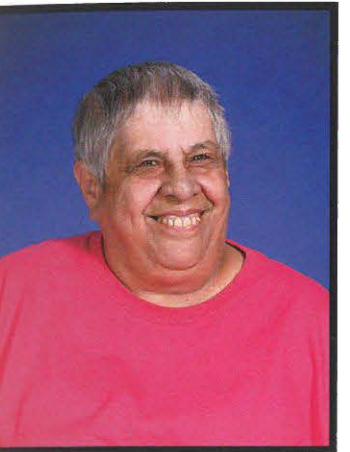
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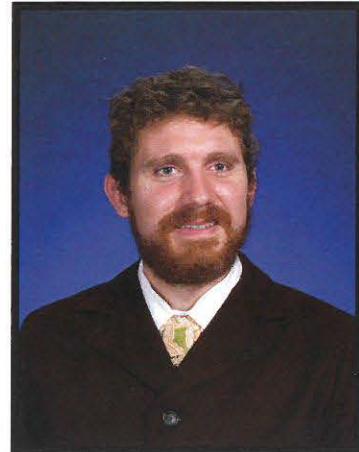
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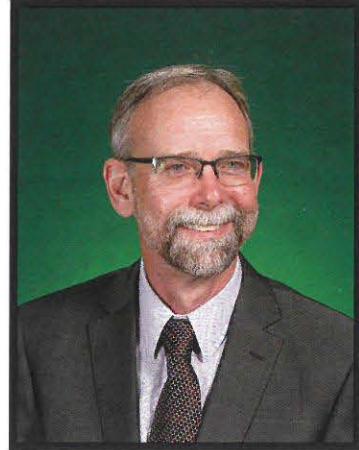
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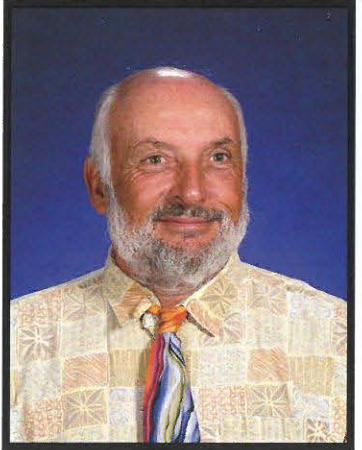
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Charles Stevens



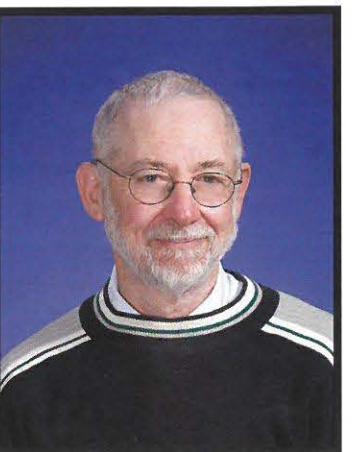
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Floribeth Jimenez



Martin McDonough



Anthony Merchand

Faculty & Staff

Not Pictured: Kathy Bove, Diane Graves, Lynda Greenough, Sally Keefe, Joseph Mangan, and Carrie Savage.



Top Row: Jonah Farrow, Barryn Shark, Joseph Ruby, Lucas Heald, and Christopher Bills.

Second Down: Ann-Leiticia Blot, Kevin Alexandre, Shane Protivansky, and Heather McManus.

Third Down: Charlotte Hudson, Monica Schmelzenbach, Nicole Bruso, and Lorie Dorce.

Bottom Row: Gaetanino Tedesco, Mauranne Geffrard, Bethany Manfredi, Claire DiIonna, and Benjamin Reardon.

CLASS OF 2016

Kevin Alexandre



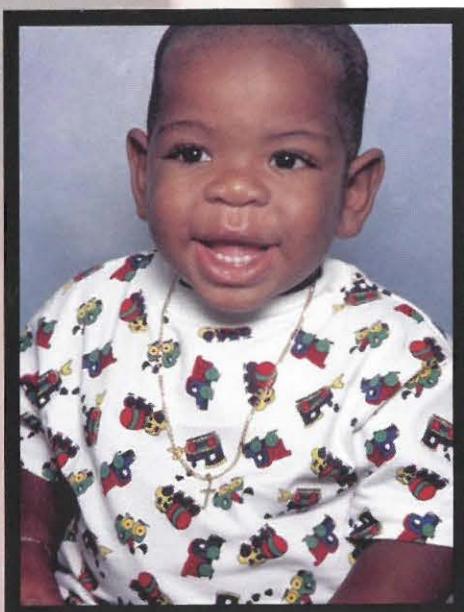
"I've always believed that if you put in the work. The result will come. I don't do things half-heartedly. Because I know if I do. Then I can expect half-hearted results."

-Michael Jordan

I am thankful for this opportunity I had to be sent to Vermont and study at MSJ, I am thankful for the chance I had to play varsity football and basketball. I am thankful for this amazing year I had with everybody; classmates, teachers or anybody I met throughout the year. I would like to thank my parents in Haiti for sending me to MSJ and always supporting me. My host family for taking me in and showing me such a great time in Vermont. I want to thank all my classmates/friends who made my experience so much fun.

I would like to leave the Offensive and Defensive line to josh Emeric, Coleman Shum, and T-dog and my Fire playlists to Josh Emerich.

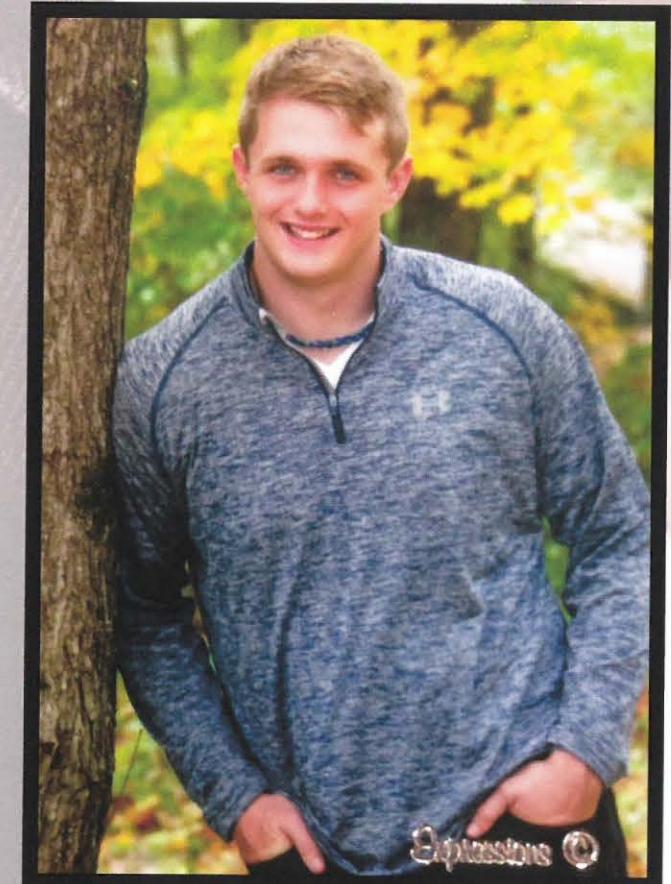
In 10 years I see myself in Haiti or Europe with a master's degree in Engineering working with my dad or a big engineering company.



Christopher Bills

"The pain you have been feeling cannot compare to the joy that is coming"

-Romans 8:18



I would like to thank my mother for sending me to msj my sophomore year. I am also thankful for all the friends and memories I made throughout my time at MSJ. I am thankful for the bonds that were created, all the great laughs, and all the crazy adventures with Jonah and Ben Reardon. I would like to thank all of my coaches who helped me grow not just as an athlete, but as a person too.

I would like to leave the football and baseball team to any incoming students that plan to attend MSJ, for they can continue to keep the school going and help the teams grow and go on.

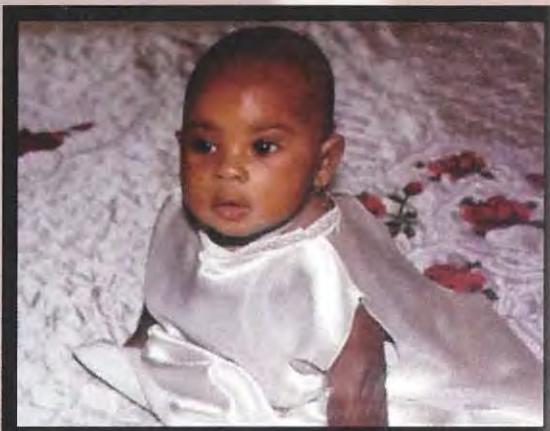
In ten years I see myself living a free and adventurous life out in Alaska. I will hopefully make good money, and have a beautiful family.

Ann-Leiticia Blot



"I don't forgive people because I'm weak, I forgive them because I am strong enough to know people make mistakes." – Marilyn Monroe

We all come from a long way and we all learned a lot of things. Throughout the years I came to realize that to make it in this world, you have to circle yourself with good people and not expect too much. Mom of my heart, I don't even know where I have to start. She is the realest of all of them, from day one till today she is still by my side. I love you, Mom, very much! I will never thank you enough for all you did and I am really thankful to have you in my life. Daddy of my heart, don't worry, I still will be your princess. I am so proud to be able to say I am your daughter. I will never let you down, Dad, you are my #1. Little sister, girl, you haven't seen half of what is to come. It gets harder and harder and not everyone will be as wise as you. I want you to keep smiling when it gets hard and remind yourself that you're worth way more than that and giving up is not an option. To the greatest godmother, thank you for guiding me on the right path. The Tracy family, I thank you guys very much for this amazing year. Through my ups and downs they were there for me, they became my sisters and brother and my second mom. I will miss you guys very much. To all those that made my stay enjoyable, I thank you. To all my teachers, somehow you made learning so much more interesting, and at a point, I was able to use the fact that I will see you guys to wake up early to come to school. To all the seniors, go out, make mistake, learn from them and become a better person. Life only gets harder and I hope that all of you make it through. In 10 years, I will have a MBA, take over my father's business or at least be an associate. Hopefully, I will be married and expecting my first child. Maybe also I will have gotten rid of my handbag obsession, but I fear that it is only going to worsen.



Nicole Bruso



"I have no idea what I'm doing, but I know I'm doing it well"
- Andy Dwyer,
Parks and
Recreation

I would like to thank my parents for always supporting me and pushing me to be the best I can be. I would like to thank my sister, Jessica, for always encouraging me and for having the ability to make me smile at any time. Thank you to all of my friends who have been able to make the most stressful of days into some of the best times we have spent together. I would like to thank my teachers for working with me and taking the time to ensure that I succeeded in every class. Thank you to Mr. P for educating me in music and teaching me how to have fun while working. I hope to have as much fun in my future career just as you have found so much joy in yours.

Shannon: "Shan Man," "Tuttle Buddy," and The Kooks
Tennis Team: Road Trips and "After the Match Talks" with Gary



Mr. Audette: The Gnome and "It was a brave choice to use a live dog"
Theater: The best of luck in all future plays
Mr. P: Shut De Doh and Choir Warm Ups
Tori: "Tor Tart," "Nicole," and Fuzzy Socks
Mary: "Awake Sweet Love" and State Districts
Ms. Ransom: Hot Cocoa, "Sugar Sweats," and "Torgo!"
Thomas: French Class, 12, Sarcasm, and getting locked out of the car multiple times

In ten years I hope to be living in a city working in a music studio as an Artist & Repertoire Manager.

Claire Dillonno



"I believe it's important to stay young at heart, to have faith in what might seem impossible, and to have goals beyond your current abilities or temporary means."

- Hayley Williams

I would like to thank my parents for supporting my decision to come to MSJ and also for supporting me throughout my high school career no matter how hard things got. I would also like to thank the MSJ Community for accepting me into their circle and making me feel welcome over the past two years. I would like to thank all of my teachers for helping me succeed and helping me show the best of my abilities. And I would like to thank Ms. Keefe for helping me advance my art skills and for being one of the best art teachers I've ever had.

I am going to leave Mr. Hall a less sarcastic classroom and our daily "I hate everyone" eye contact. I am going to leave the soccer team the best of luck next year. I hope you can all make it to the finals and get that championship like the Lady Mounties deserve and also all of those endless hill sprints and "on the line." I am going to leave Izzy and Bryn the art room, the daily creepy stares and smiles, all of our conspiracy theories, and another year of high school. I am going to leave Bryn "Captain." I am going to leave Shannon our (Charlotte, Monica, and my) lunchroom craziness.

In ten years I see myself pursuing a career in some sort of graphic design or being a teacher. I also see myself graduated from college and living outside of Vermont.

Lorie Dorce



"We cannot all be queens, so some just have to bow to me."

-Unknown



I want to thank my parents for supporting me throughout the different trials and tribulations of school and being there every step of the way. I want to thank my English teacher, Ms. Fuller, for teaching me how to analyze, read, and annotate literature, and especially for teaching me how to write a 15 page essay in just two weeks, and 7 pages in one day. Thank you to Mr. McDonough for helping me with the SAT math section, for reminding me that I am not on island time, and for always racing me on the stairs. To Mr. Audette, thanks for always imitating me and doing ridiculous stuff to make me laugh (btw, you are so bad at imitating me!!). Coach Hall, I want to thank you for all the sassy times at MSJ, but you can never out sass me (just remember that!). I want to thank my friends at

MSJ for my three good years. At last, I want to thank my Haitian peeps who came to MSJ, because all of you helped me through a hard time in my life and taught me something necessary in life.

I am going to leave my sassiness to Coach Hall and Shannon. The weight room to Sammy Farrow, Payton Artt, and Coleman Shum. The winter cheer team to Victoria Tracy, Theresa Tedesco and hopefully OT. The fall cheer team to Sophia Duffy and Mollie Giancola. The 4th period study hall to Fatima Hussnane, Rory Carrara, and Kristen Elliott. Finally, I leave Thomas Tracy the gift of peace and quiet.

To be honest, I can't see where I am going to be tomorrow, let alone in ten years. All I know is that I will go wherever my path may lead me and hopefully this path will lead me to a good life.

Jonah Farrow

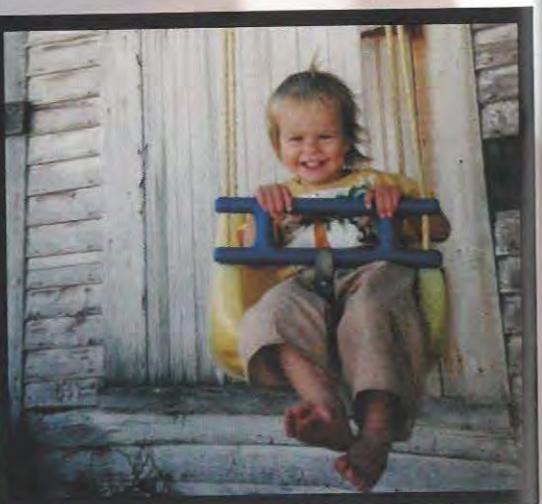


"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
-Philippians 4:13 KJ21

I would like to thank my parents for supporting me in everything that I have chosen to take part in. They have taught me valuable lessons, which have helped me to do well in the classroom and on the sports field. I know that as I leave high school I will take their words of wisdom with me wherever I go. I would also like to thank all of my siblings and friends for encouraging me throughout my high school journey.

I am going to leave the baseball diamond to Samuel, my younger brother. Keep grinding, Sam, stay humble, and leave everything on the field every time you play. I would also like to leave by saying to those who are plugging through MSJ, be diligent, faithful, and persevering through the long days - four years goes by pretty fast!

In ten years I see myself working a job that pushes me to my limits, where I am serving Christ and others to the best of my ability. I see myself caring and providing, with God's help, for a devoted wife and happy kids.



Mauranne Geffrard



"I see a beautiful future where skin does not define any human."
-Empire

Jim Valvano said once, "If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that is a full day. That's a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week, I guarantee you're going to have something special." And this year MSJ has brought me all these beautiful emotions, some more pleasant than others, but totally worth it. I want to thank my parents for sacrificing so much to make this pinnacle of my education possible, my host family Paul and Ingrid Gallo for loving and accepting me, my dear teachers for supporting me and inconsiderably pushing me to the point I did not even suspect to reach, and last, certainly not least, my friends for making each day an amazing memory. Thank you to all of you who have given me the greatest gift ever, believing in me. As I look around I see a piece of me in each of you who has impacted me, and I am proud to say you have made me who I am, and for that I am grateful.

What makes life valuable is that it does not last forever and what makes it precious is that it comes to an end, time is luck so make each moment count. In ten years I see myself as a lawyer, fighting for the equality and the rights of others to be respected. Wherever the Lord takes me, I shall go.
How do you go from where you are to where you want to be? You have to have a desire to accomplish, you have to have a dream, a goal, you have to carry it and keep it alive. Even if we fail, what better way is there to live? We have to be greater than our failures, and you have to be willing to work. Don't ever let somebody tell you you cannot do something- prove them wrong, and go for it. And accomplish things you believe in.
My dear Mounties, I leave to you the best surroundings you could ask for, with

Coach Hall, who makes everyday easier to get up and come to school because we know anatomy, 7th period, is the place to be.

To Ms. Fuller, for constantly challenging her students in order to push our limits everyday.

To Mr. Audette, for proving to us there's a tie for EVERY OCCASION, making my snapchat story the highlight of my day, and proving to us that it takes a real man to drive a small car.

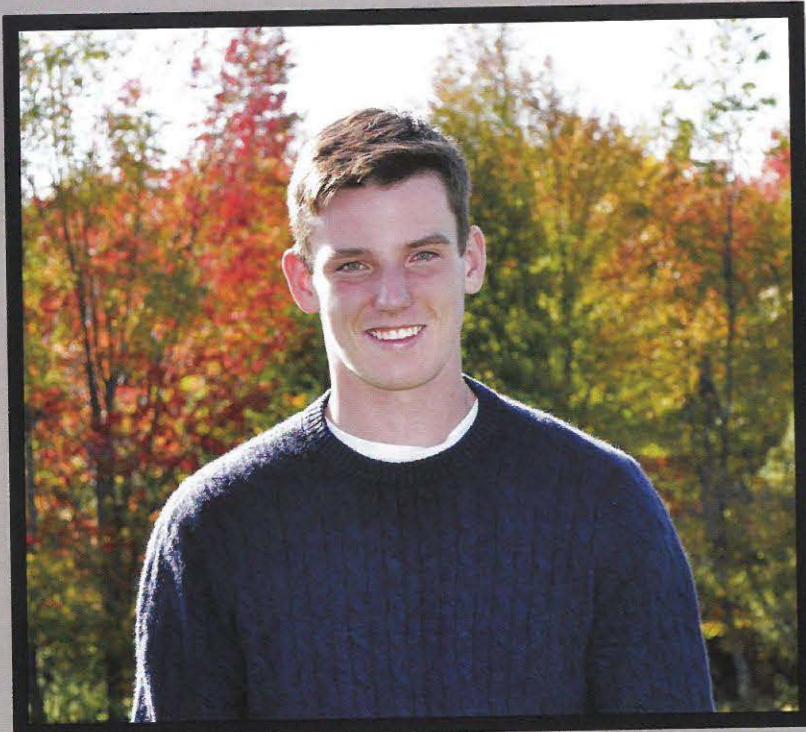
To Ms. Graves, for always being nice to me to our regular meeting at her office, like five times a day.

To Mr. Stevens, who has answers to all our possible questions, who always believed I would graduate, no matter how many times I joked about dropping out of school.

To Mr. McDonough to finally not call me "moron" but maumau, and taking the time during study hall to teach us about the values of life.

And to Mrs. Fortier who always makes sure that Mr. Audette does not bully me all day. I hope you will live on to continue making the dreams of other Haitian and kids around the world feasible with this program.
A thousand times thank you, I could not ask for more.

Lucas Heald

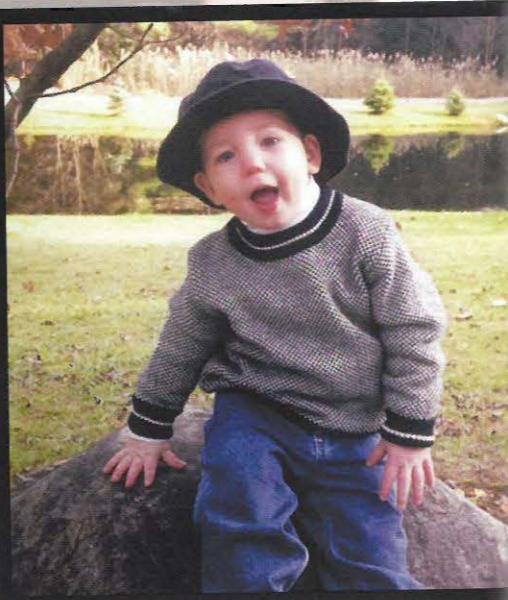


"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

-Dr. Seuss

I would like to thank my family for introducing me to skiing and the outdoors which are a couple of my favorite things, MSJ for the opportunity to play football with the most amazing teammates and the friends I have made, and pasta because I love it.

In ten years I see myself continuing to enjoy skiing and hunting, living somewhere close to the mountains, and working at a job that allows me to be outdoors.



Charlotte Hudson



"The secret of being happy is accepting where you are in life and making the most out of every day."

- Anonymous

I would like to thank my parents for sending me to MSJ, the faculty and staff for educating me and opening me up to new experiences and helping me to become the best person I could be, as well as all of the amazing friends I have made while being here.

There are a couple things that I would like to leave behind to a few of my underclassmen friends. I would like to leave Tori Tracy my lungs and loud mouth as she will need them next year taking over my position as sweeper, Gabby Gianola nine hour Sunday shifts at TJ Maxx, Dylan Potter random trips to Taco Bell, Shannon Elms the many girls nights that we planned that never happened, Amy Nichols cotton candy ice cream and Yellow Deli dates, and last but not least, the soccer team the promise of beating Proctor and winning playoffs.

In ten years I see myself having graduated nursing school, living somewhere in the northeast with a family of my own and a job.

Bethany Manfredi



"Dance for yourself, if someone understands good. If not then no matter, go right on doing what you love."

- Lois Hurst

I would like to thank my parents for sending my to Christ the King and MSJ. Thank you for helping me through the years with whatever I needed. Thank you, Gram, for all that you do for me. Thank you for all that you give me, and thank you for giving your time for me. Thank you to all my friends for being with me through school and laughing along the way. Thank you to everyone at Miss Lorraine's for teaching me one of the things I love to do - dance. I am so happy that I found something that I love so much.

Shannon: French class, lunch at Cafe Provence.

Thomas: Lunch (now you can sit with your friends), French class.

Mr. Audette: Gnomes, shadow, Manfreeds, another chance to bring your dog into school.

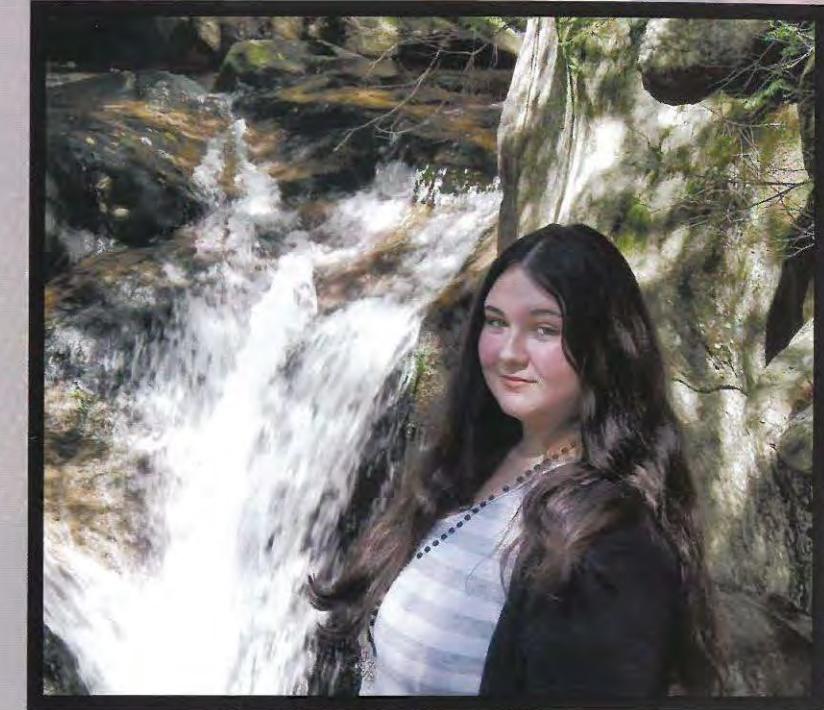
Mr. P: Choir and more than one girl's voice in class

Mrs. Keefe: my art projects.

Mollie, Kenzie, and my friends at Miss Lorraine's: dance classes (until I join the ladies' class). :)

In ten years, I see myself either working in the medical field as a radiology technician or an elementary school teacher. I will hopefully still be dancing, too.

Heather McManus



"I mean, sure, I have my bad days, but then I remember what a cute smile I have."

-Chandler Bing

I would like to thank my parents from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to receive this wonderful education. I can leave this school with the confidence that I can succeed in life with the things that I have learned here. I would also like to thank my teachers for helping me grow and learn. I would lastly like to thank my friends for being there for me and providing me with loving and lasting relationships. I don't know how I could have done it without you guys.

For the underclassmen: I am going to leave behind my crackers for Tori, and my thanks for the coffee, may you always be determined. My attitude will be left for Fatima, who I trust to carry on the legacy. For Kristen, I leave behind the study hall, where not much studying was done, and my math skills. To Thomas, "listen," I leave behind the Halloween movie night and the trip to Panera. To Rory, I leave the love and joy of writing. For Emily, I leave the very fun choir/band collaboration at mass.



In ten years, I see myself owning my own psychology practice, providing therapy to teens and young adults. I would also like to continue writing, maybe even becoming a published author. I will be living in or near a city where I can go to concerts on the weekend. I would like to be married and have a family of my own, or at least a dog or two.

Shane Protivansky



"Follow your heart.
Don't follow what
you've been told you're
supposed to do."

- J. Cole

I would like to thank my parents for all that they do for me and for allowing me to go to MSJ. I would like to thank Jenna for putting up with me and supporting me while I had a tumor. I would like to thank my friends, especially Guy and Barryn, for making my senior year so great.

I am going to leave the basketball team, "Dad," making beats, and "another one" to my boi, Dylan Potter.

I am going to leave the baseball team to my bois, Brandon Wortman and Ben DeCota.

In ten years, I see myself being promoted by Danny Ainge to take his place as the Celtics GM and getting them title #18.



Benjamin Reardon

"4 years, 2 deaths, and 2 diagnoses. Take nothing from no one, and do not fear the man who bleeds the same blood as you. I plead the 5th."

-Yours Truly, Ben



I would like to thank my parents for this opportunity, my boys for the memories, and the patience God gave me to stick these four years out.

I would like to pass on the tradition of praying for "good health" to Theresa, as well as prayer before lunch.

In ten years I see myself with more freedom, happiness, a good paying job, surrounded with good people, in a nice location where I can shoot guns freely with a decent view.



Joseph Ruby



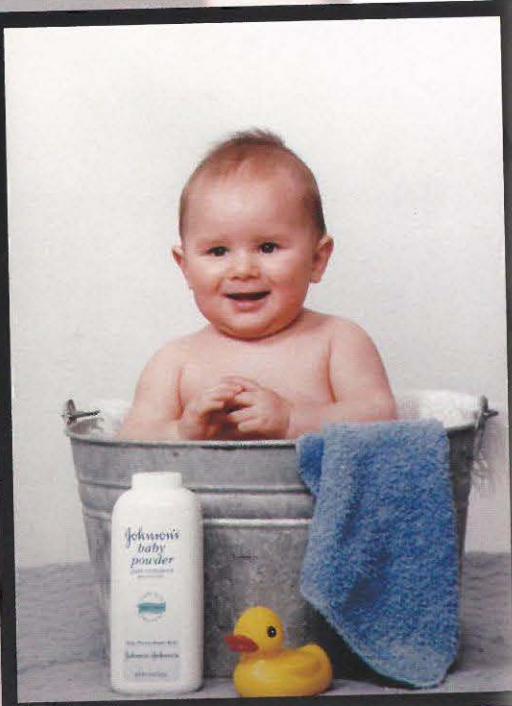
"I didn't have enough time to think of a senior quote."

-Joe Ruby

I would like to thank the whole school of MSJ for a great year.

I am going to leave you a promise that if I hit the lottery, I will give a generous donation to MSJ.

In ten years, I see myself married and having a kid on the way.



Monica Schmelzenbach

"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved."

-Winnie the Pooh



I would like to thank my family for sending me to MSJ, my sister who I shared the first two years of high school with, the MSJ faculty who helped further my education, my coaches throughout the years, and my friends who helped fill my high school years with great memories.

I would like to leave my cat paws to the brave soul that gets put in goal. And I would like to leave everyone the struggles and drama of high school.



In ten years, I see myself with a family, having a career in the military, helping others who are struggling, and living a happy and fulfilling life.

Barryn Shark



"The same boiling water
that softens potatoes,
hardens eggs. It's all about
what you're made of NOT
your circumstances."

-Unknown

I would like to thank my parents for having the courage to enroll me in a school that is basically 4 hours away from home. I would like to thank all my classmates that I've met, made relationships with, and even all the classmates who I didn't make relationships with for welcoming me these last two years that I've been here. I would like to thank all my teachers for everything they've taught me since I've been here. I would like to thank all the coaches and teammates I had over the last two years because you guys have made me a better athlete and person along the way.

I would also like to leave the basketball team to Clay, Jack, Dylan, J Will, Josh, and Joe Whit. Clay keep raining 3s, Jack continue to be versatile, Dylan keep that killer crossover (you'll never cross me again), J Will keep getting buckets, Josh PLEASE make your layups and free throws, and Joe please monitor your brothers on and off the court. I would also like to leave my lunch table to Jelani, but you'll be by yourself so never mind.

In ten years, I hope to be successful in whatever I choose to do with my life. Whether it be with my academic intelligence or athletic ability, I hope to do great things in life and impact the lives of many people. Thank you to everyone I've met during my time in Vermont, and you all have made these two years great. Everybody stay lit & follow me on instagram @mynameisbarryn & Twitter @Barryn_



Gaetanino Tedesco II

"I'm an optimistic guy.
I'm one of those big
dreamers. I'm one of
those kids with that
annoying imagination."

-Tyler, The Creator



Hi.

Mom and Dad: Thank you for creating me; but more importantly, thank you for guiding me, inspiring me, teaching me, loving me, and gifting me the opportunity to grow and evolve into my true self.

Mr. P: You're the man. I've never been in the presence of a teacher who has as much passion and positivity and you do. Thank you for teaching me how to play the trombone, but also, thank you for unknowingly teaching me the impact and contagiousness of a positive attitude.

Thank you: Drake, Flavor Flav, Steve-O, Tyler The Creator, and Ferris Bueller for helping me find myself.

Izzy: I'm really gonna miss putting gross stuff in your locker. I leave you with the ability to put gross stuff in Tree's locker.

Theresa: Look at that senior pic...its majestic, thanks cuz. I leave you "scooter boi".

Dylan: I leave you our beat sessions in the band room, "yeah boiii", "e.m.a.", and "another one".

Brandon: I leave you "huddy boiii" and New Year's Eve.

Jelani: I leave you "Ohhh yeeeaaahhhhhh", "aye yooo", and anatomy class.

Ben D.: I leave you "wow", Drake, and 'the feels'.

I think that in 10 years I will be a lot like my current self, always having fun. I see myself owning a successful clothing line, a helicopter, a zebra statue, and a lime orchard. By this time I hope to be married to a woman who surprisingly doesn't think that I'm weird and who also enjoys feeding seagulls.

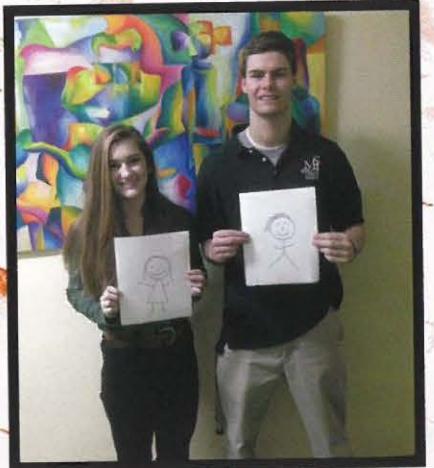
To my future son: always remember that good laughs are more important than good grades.

Peace, Stay LIT.



Senior

Most Artistic



Claire DiLollo & Jonah Farrow

Most Athletic



Jonah Farrow & Monica Schmelzenbach

Most Dramatic



Lorie Dorce & Benjamin Reardon

Best Hair



Christopher Bills & Charlotte Hudson

Best Dressed



Most Changed



Charlotte Hudson & Shane Protivansky

Class Clowns



Mauranne Geffrard & Joseph Ruby

Superlatives

Best Eyes



Nicole Bruso & Christopher Bills

Funniest Laughs



Kevin Alexandre & Mauranne Geffrard

Most Likely to be Late to Graduation



Bethany Manfredi & Barryn Shark

Senior

Loudest



Lorie Dorce &
Kevin Alexandre

Most Musically Gifted



Shane Protivansky &
Nicole Bruso

Superlatives

Most Likely to
Travel



Lucas Heald &
Nicole Bruso

Most Reliable



Claire Dilonno &
Jonah Farrow

Most Outspoken



Heather McManus &
Benjamin Reardon

Most Likely to be
President



Monica Schmelzenbach &
Gaetanino Tedesco

Most School Spirit



Monica Schmelzenbach &
Gaetanino Tedesco

Most Optimistic



Joseph Ruby &
Ann Blot

Best Smiles



Ann Blot &
Lucas Heald

Best With Numbers



Barryn Shark &
Heather McManus

I'd like to thank everyone who has been there for me. It means a lot!
Love, Heather

Thank you to my Dad and Mom for supporting me. S/o to the best sister and host family, I'm grateful to have had wonderful people in my life. Ann xoxo

Thank you to my parents, siblings and friends who have supported me in everything I do. I would also like to thank all the staff at MsJ who have helped me be successful in high school.
- Jonah Farrow

Throughout my academic career without your help, I don't think I would have made it this far. I want to thank God for blessing me and my family. Now I can honestly say

I MADE IT.

I would like to thank the msj faculty as well as my family and friends for all of the support and kindness you have shown me over my four years of high school.
- Charlotte

Thank you parents, siblings, teachers, coaches and friends. I made it. The time here went crazy fast, but you have been by my side loving me and supporting me every step of the way. I could not have gotten this far with out any of you. I also thank God for all the opportunities I have been given. I recognize how fortunate I am for all that I have. Thank you all for everything, I will never forget and I will make you proud!

Love, Monica

Thank you to my family, friends, and faculty for this opportunity. Without all the support I would not be here today, I appreciate my friends and family for truly being there through my highs and lows, for keeping me focused, and for helping me get through these exciting four years of high school.

- Ben Reardon

Thanks for everyone who gave me the opportunity to grow academically, athletically and spiritually. Thank You to my Parents, teachers and friends and especially Sophia

Thank you to my Mom, Dad, & Jessica for always supporting me!

Love, Nicole

Thank You Mom/Dad/Sophia and the rest of my family and friends for letting me live and tolerating my foibles. I want to thank my parents, grandparents, and everybody supporting me in my family. Thank you to my grandparents, and everybody supporting me in my family. Thank you for everything that

do. I love you all! Love, Luke

I want to thank my parents, my sister and whoever has helped me throughout my academic career. Without your help, I don't think I would have made it this far. I want to thank God for blessing me and my family. Now I can honestly say

I MADE IT.

Love, LD

Shoutout to everyone I know
- Joe Ruby

Thank you to all the people who have supported me over the years. I would also like to thank my parents for all the support and love they have given me throughout my highschool years. Great!
- Claire DiIorio

I would like to thank my mom for sending me to msj. And I thank the msj community for all they have done for me. I am thankful for all the great memories - Chris Bills



Juniors: Class of 2017



Adam Babb



Olivia Corbett



Benjamin DeCota



Clay Drinwater



Jenna Eaton



Shannon Elms



Joshua Emerich



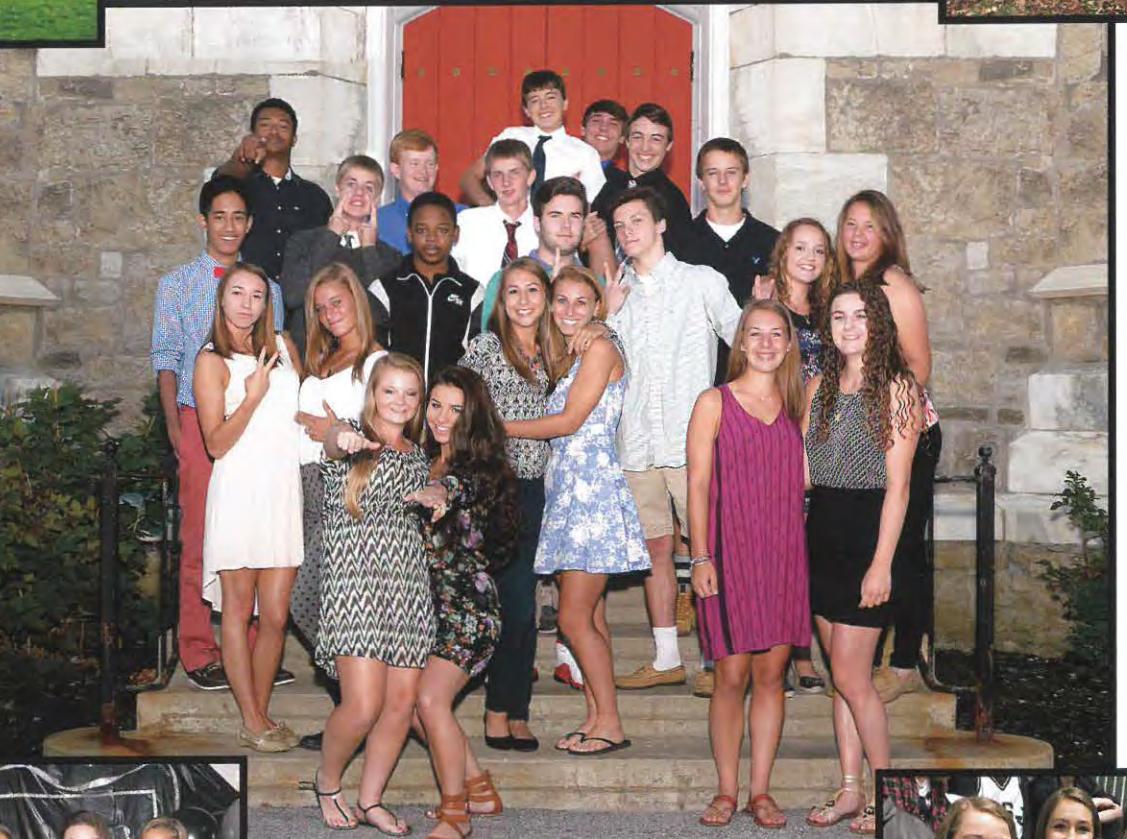
Gabriella Giancola



Isabelle Harvey



Randolph
Mangundayao



Bryn McCallen



Amy Nichols



Dylan Potter



Theresa Tedesco



Olivia Tiraboschi



Thomas Tracy



Mackenzie Traska



John Whitaker



Joseph Whitaker



Jelani Williams



Brandon Wortman

Not Pictured: Shareef Harrison

Sophomores: Class of 2018



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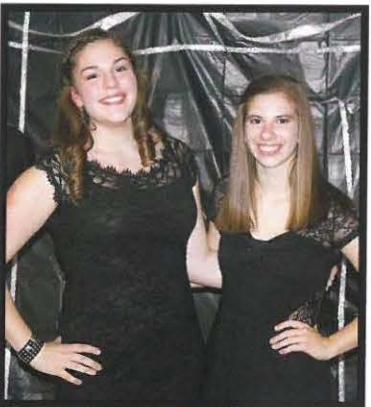
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Sophia Duffy



Samuel Farrow



Mollie Giancola



Huarui "Rain" He



Xinghzou "Louie" Li



Jiahua "Steven" Liu



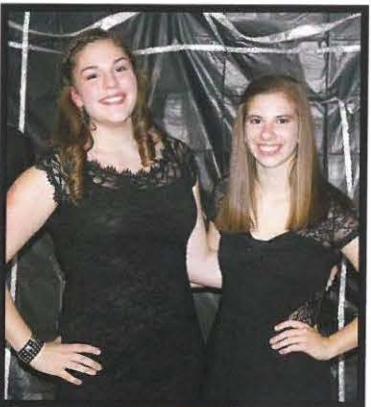
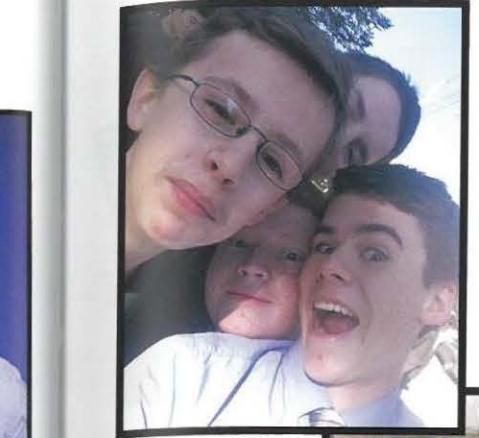
Coleman Shum



Jacob Whitaker



Joshua Williams



Freshmen: Class of 2019



Mary Babb



Rory Carrara



Kristen Elliott



Logan Fuller



Fatima Hussnane



William Li



Roahan McGee



Lucas Pencak



Emily Rappeno



Johnathan Springer



Victoria Tracy



Steven Wilson



Not Pictured: Abigail Hanley, Jae Won Seo, and Miracle Wood.

Sibling Rivalry



Jonah & Sam
Farrow



Adam & Mary
Babb

Sibling Rivalry

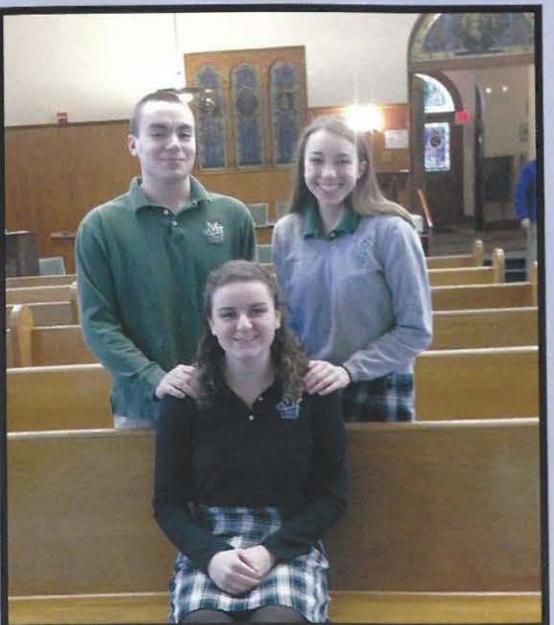


Thomas & Tori
Tracy



Gabby & Mollie
Giancola

Family Rivalry



Guy & Theresa
Tedesco, & Izzy
Harvey



Jack, Joe, &
Jacob Whitaker



International Students



Scholars Bowl



Prom Committee
42

Clubs & Organizations



Student Government



Yearbook Committee



Campus Ministry



Spanish Club

Not Pictured: Johnny Springer, William Li, Sophia Duffy, Chris Bills, and Kristen Elliott.



National Honor's Society



Choir and Band

Not Pictured: Rain He, Louie Li, Kevin Chen, Steven Liu, Randolph Mangundayao, Gabby Giancola, Amy Nichols, and Beth Manfredi.



SLAM Poetry



National Art Honor's Society



Spanish National Honor's Society

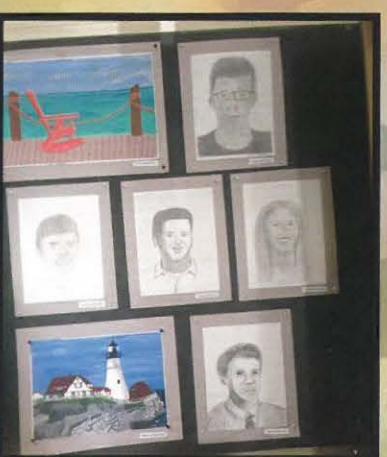


Student Ambassadors

Music



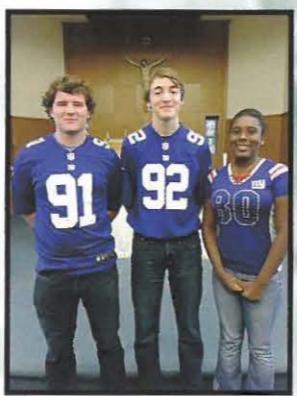
Art



Throughout The Year



Spirit Week



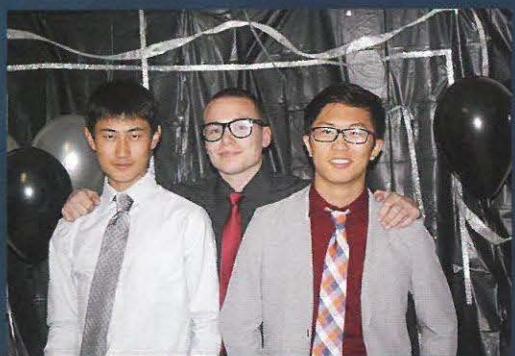
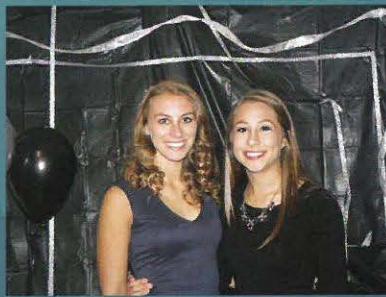
Pep Rally

Bonfire



"It's Lit!"

Homecoming 2015



Mount St. Joseph Varsity Football Team

Head Coach: Phil Hall

Assistant Coaches: Si Loomis, Mike McIsaac, & Ethan Zorzi



Seniors



Mathew Bickford



Benjamin Reardon



Jonah Farrow



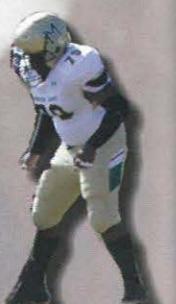
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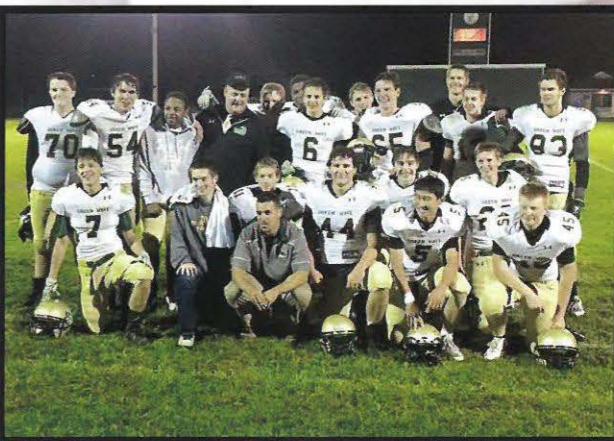
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Lucas Heald

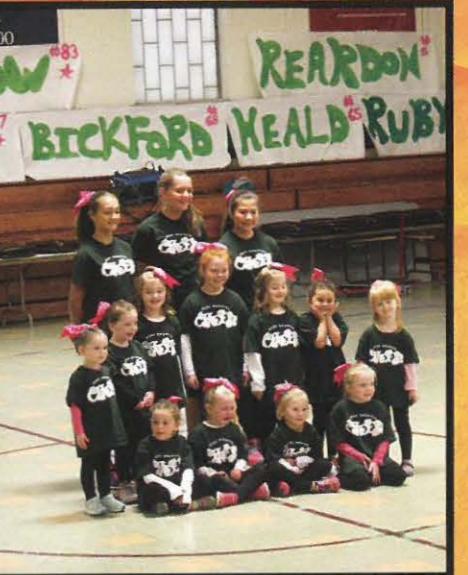
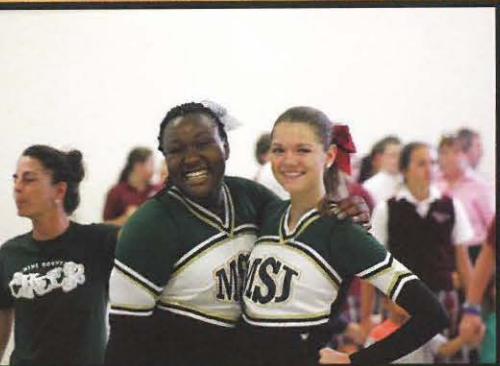


Kevin Alexandre



Fall Cheer

Head Coach: Tracy Tedesco



Seniors



Mauranne Geffrard



Lorie Dorce



Nicole Bruso



Ann-Leiticia Blot



Mount Saint Joseph Academy Women's Varsity Soccer

Head Coach: Sarah Fortier

Assistant Coaches: Keith Fortier & Jon Cassidy



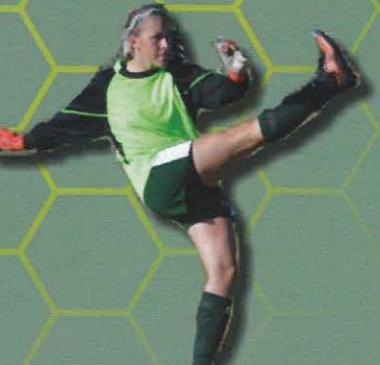
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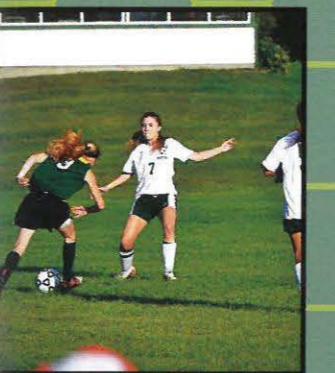
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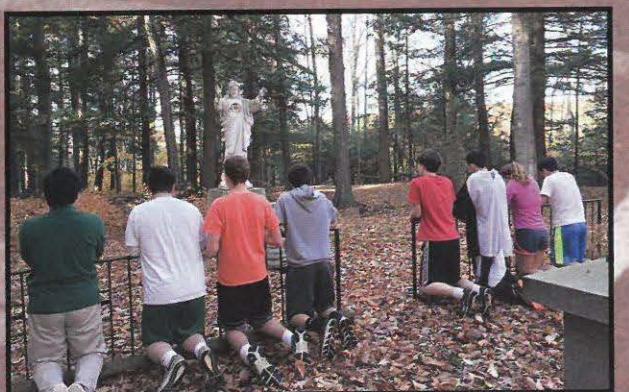
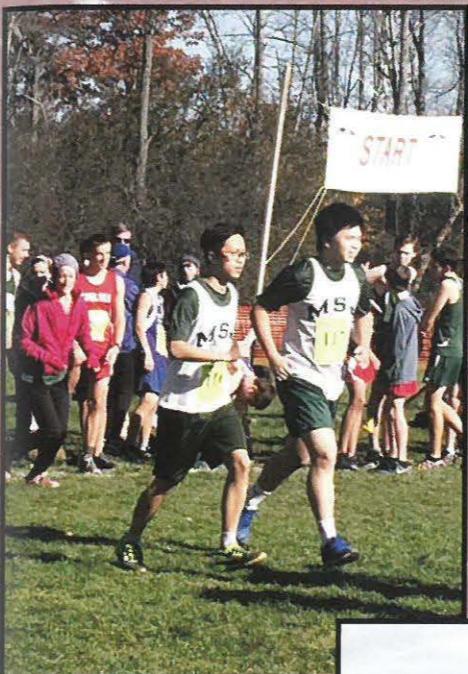


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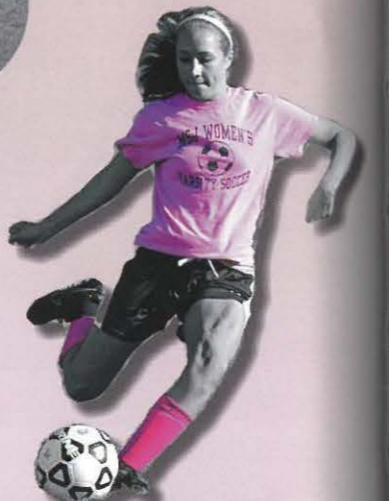


Mount St. Joseph Cross Country Team

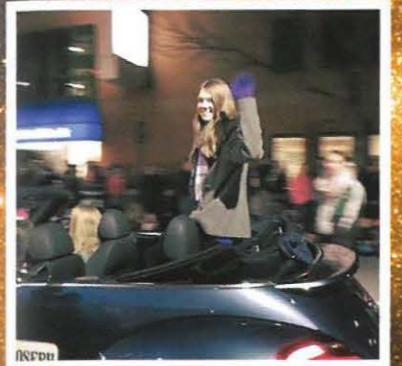
Head Coach: Matthew Potter



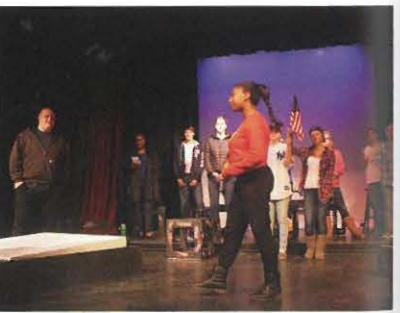
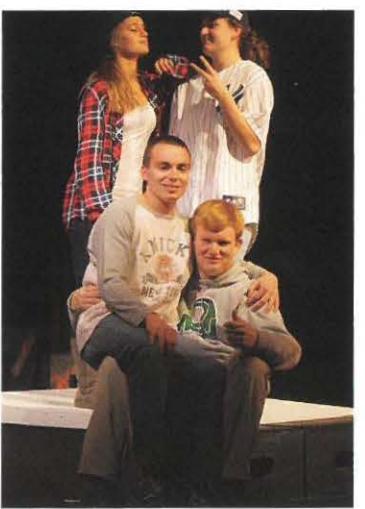
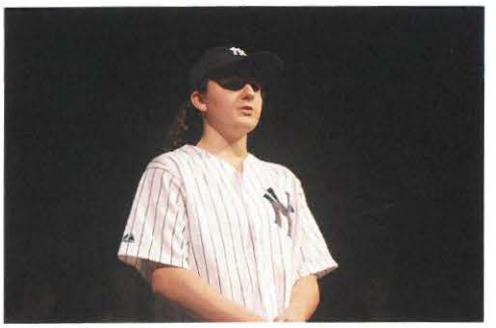
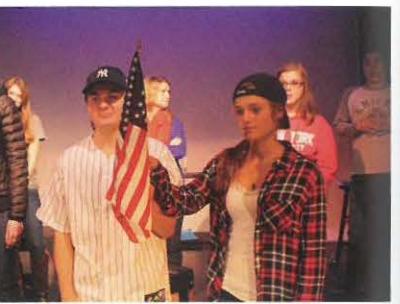
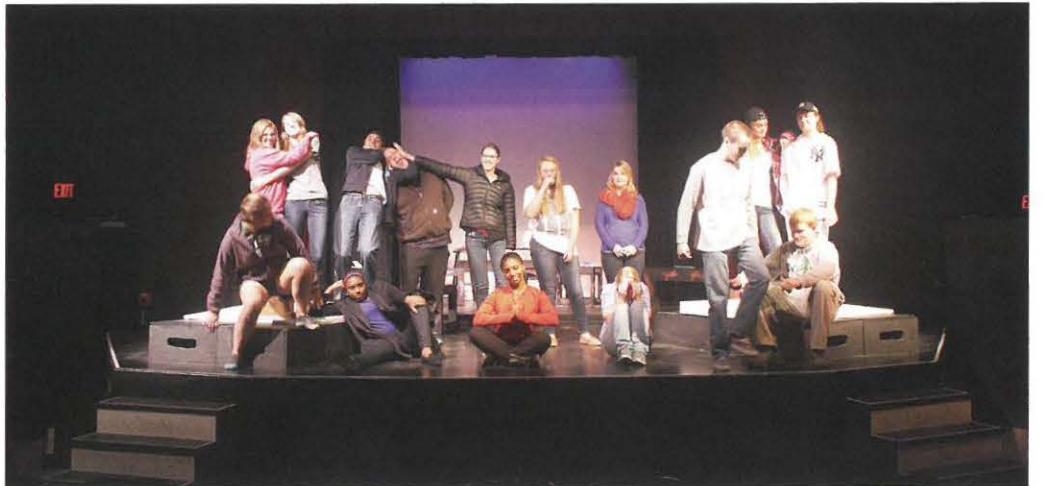
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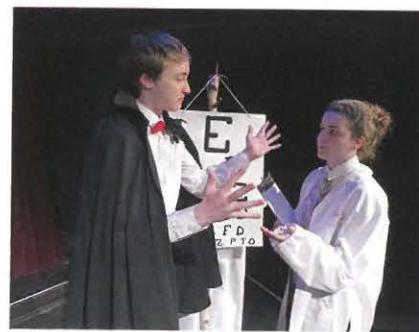
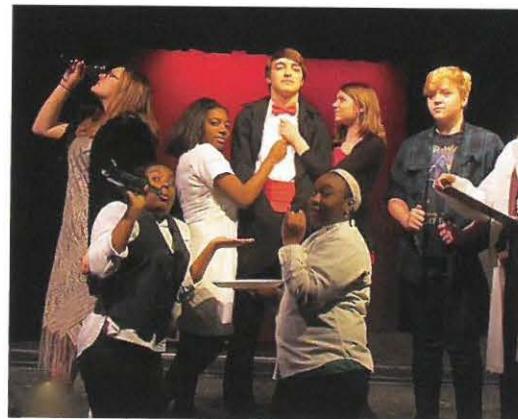
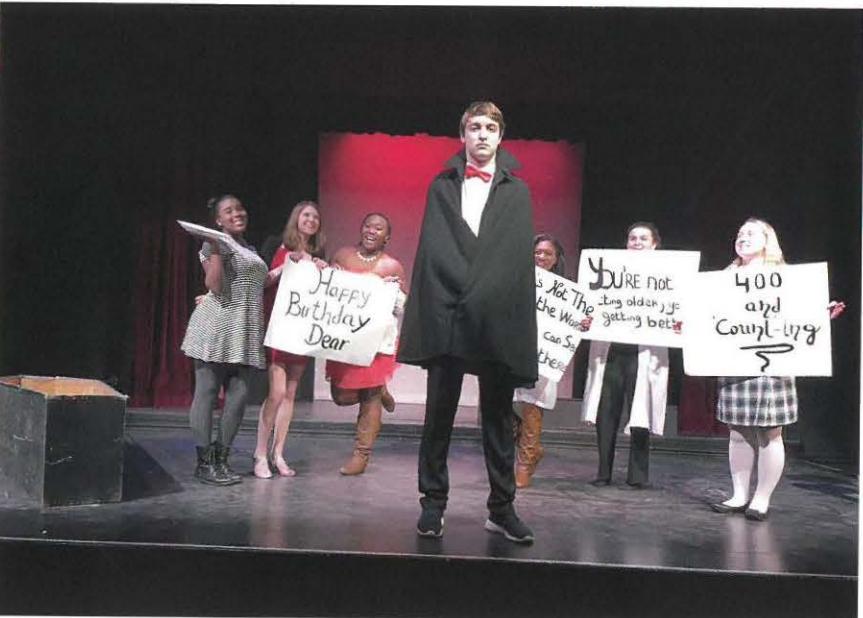
Happy Halloween



"110 Stories"



"Mid-Life Dracula"



Project Help



Nationally recognized service project continues in its fourth decade

Dec. 17 & 18 — RUTLAND — For over four decades, Mount St. Joseph Academy students, faculty/staff, parents, alumni, and friends have planned and executed Project Help, a program that provides Christmas baskets for some of the neediest families in the Rutland region.

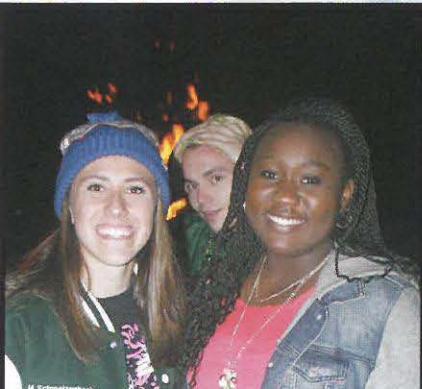
Project Help is slated for Dec. 17 and 18. MSJ students and volunteers will collect food and monetary donations from area residents and businesses on Thursday, Dec. 17. They will be joined in this effort by eighth grade students from Christ the King School. The students will then deliver the gift baskets to local families on Friday, Dec. 18.

To volunteer or make a food or monetary donation, contact Principal Fortier at sfortier@msjermont.org. Students knock on most Rutland City doors, but those that live in a remote area or outside of the city and wish to contribute gifts or donations may drop offerings at the MSJ main office on Wednesday, Dec. 16 during school hours.

MSJ has a long tradition of students who do community service, excel academically, and also participate in multiple sports and extracurricular activities. It has a record of 98 percent of its students being accepted and going on to college in the past several years. The members of the class of 2015 were offered a total of six million dollars in scholarships from colleges and universities.

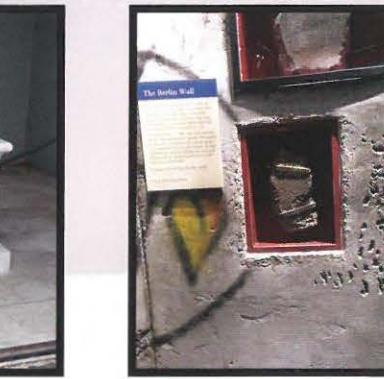
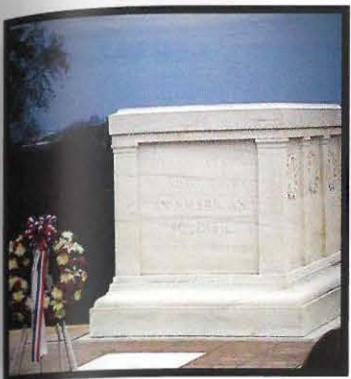
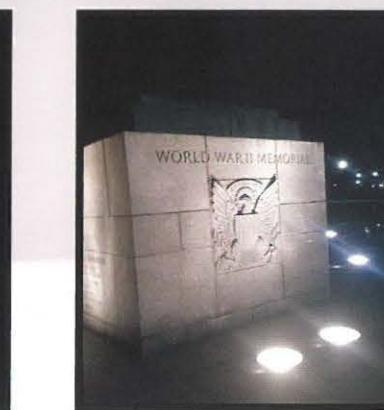
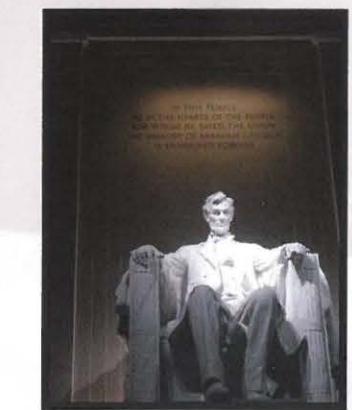
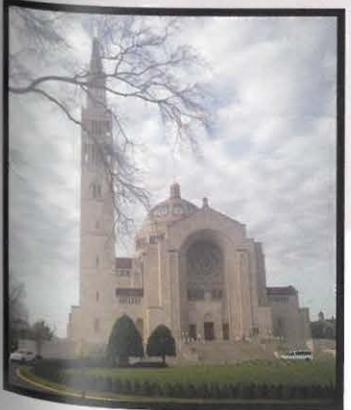


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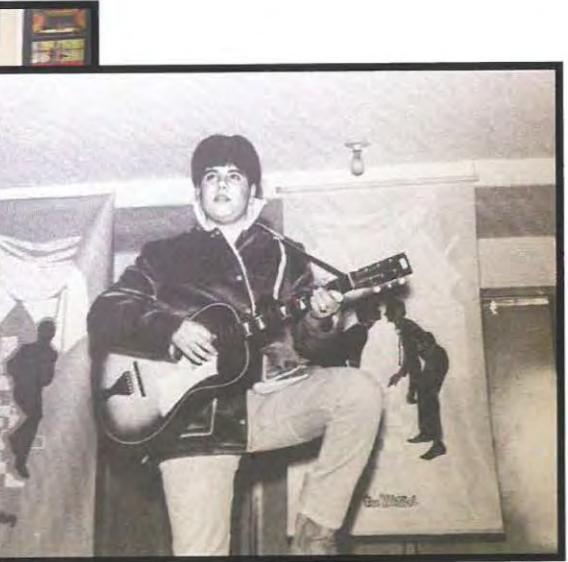


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Trip - March 2016

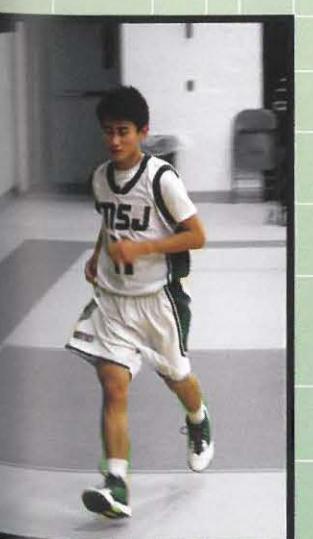


Honor Our Past



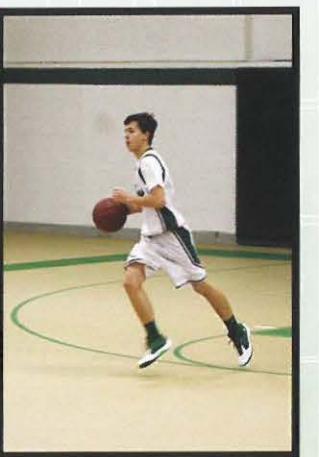
Mount St. Joseph Men's JV Basketball

Head Coach: Mike McIsaac



Mount St. Joseph Men's Varsity Basketball

Head Coach: David Randall
Assistant Coaches: Mike McIsaac & Henry Kantorski



Kevin Alexandre

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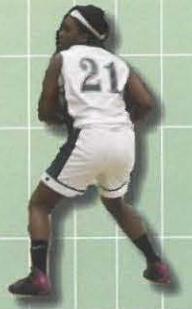
Mount St. Joseph Women's Basketball

Head Coach: Dan Elliott

Assistant Coaches: Bill "Doc" Bruso, Aaron Eaton, & Rob Harvey



Seniors



Ann-Leiticia Blot



Monica Schmelzenbach



Back-to-Back!

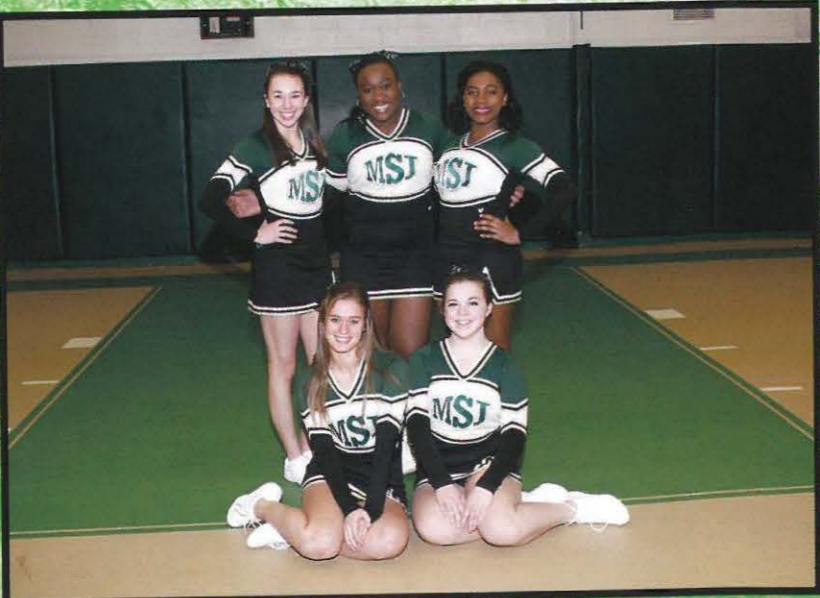


1,000 Points!



Mount St. Joseph Winter Cheer

Head Coach: Tracy Tedesco



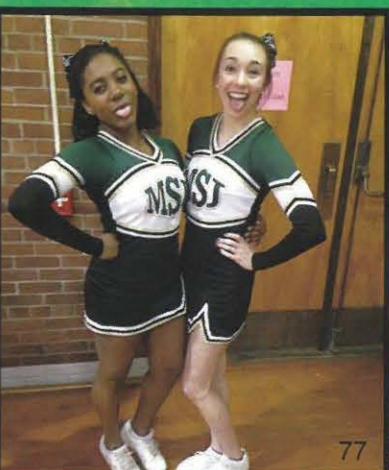
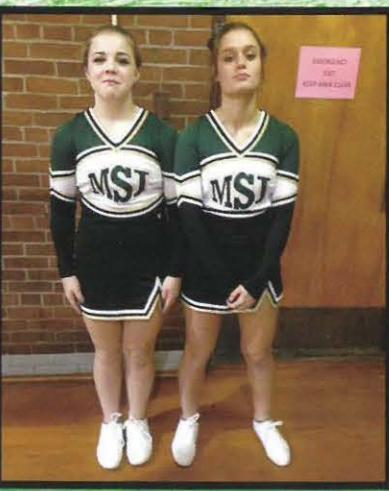
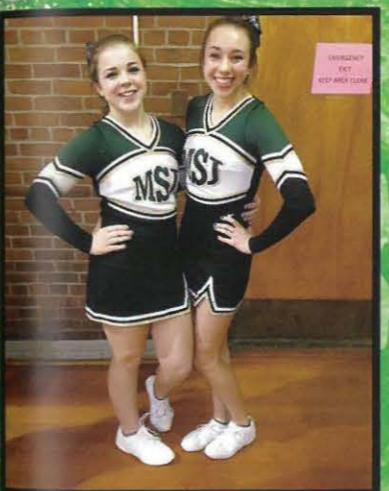
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Lorie Dorce

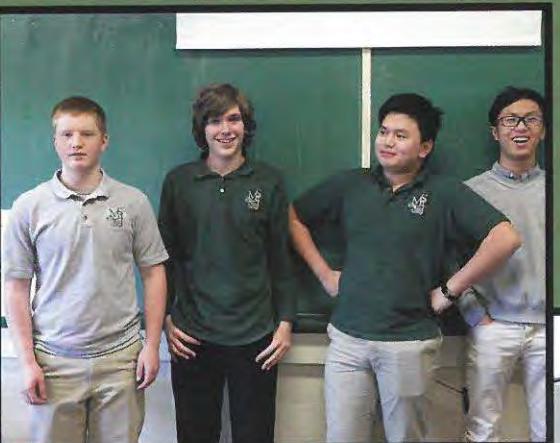


Mauranne Geffrard



Mount St. Joseph Indoor Track

Head Coach: Michael Callahan



Letter from the Editor

My years at MSJ have been a wonderful experience filled with many memories and the support of those around me. I have always believed that there was something special about MSJ and the students that attend. We are more than a school; we are a family. The students are what make MSJ the amazing place that it is, and in this yearbook we wanted to emphasize the current students as well as the past students who have helped shape MSJ into the school that it is. We used pictures from previous yearbooks and recreated the scenarios in present day. We also used pops of color and cut-outs to emphasize the wonderful students we have today. I wanted to make sure that the yearbook centered around the heart and soul of the school: the students. I would like to thank my hard-working and dedicated staff, Nicole Bruso and Lorie Dorce, for all of their time and devotion into making the yearbook the best it can be. I am honored to say that I am a graduate of Mount Saint Joseph Academy and that I had a part in capturing the memories and wonderful aspects of the school for this year's yearbook.

Sincerely,
Heather McManus

Letter from the Staff

We have had a lot of great memories throughout our high school years at MSJ. The teachers have supported us not only in the classroom but also in anything we pursued. MSJ has given us many opportunities to experience new things such as the various clubs it offers. Drama, National Honors Society, and Campus Ministry have helped us give back to our community. We were able to express our ideas as well as involve ourselves in new activities that we may have been reluctant to do in the past. MSJ has allowed us to grow as individuals and has taught us how to work hard as well as have fun in life. Sports have also been a big part in creating a memorable high school experience for us. Both Cheerleading and Tennis have given us the confidence and leadership skills that we can apply later in life. They have also taught us to work together as a team and have helped us create special bonds with our teammates that we will cherish. Working on the yearbook committee has helped us reflect back on all of these wonderful memories. We recognize now the hard work that goes into creating the yearbook and it has given us insight of how much we have grown throughout the years. We would like to thank our editor, Heather McManus, for keeping us in line along with helping us create such a memorable yearbook. We are so proud to be a part of this tradition.

Sincerely,
Nicole Bruso & Lorie Dorce

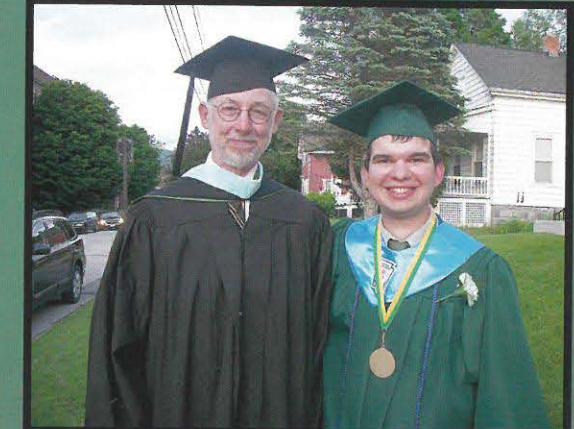
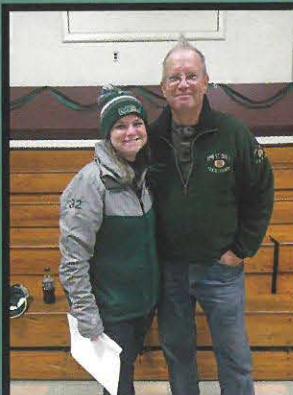
Mr. Martin McDonough

46 Years of Service

Martin McDonough has worked at MSJ for the past 46 years. The students and faculty of MSJ could not have had a better blessing of such a great teacher, athletic director, or friend.

Mr. McDonough has been a part of MSJ for most of his life and we could not be more honored to have had him as part of our family. Students know that they can count on him for support whether in the math classroom or on the field or court. He plays an important role in the MSJ community as anyone can tell when they walk into the Martin McDonough Gymnasium.

The 46 years that Mr. McDonough has spent at MSJ have been filled with wonderful times and many memories. He has touched the lives of the hundreds of students. We are lucky to know you. Thank you for your many years of service to the MSJ community.



Mr. Tony Merchand

18 Years of Service

Anthony Merchand has become a staple to the second floor of MSJ thanks to his 18 years of service at the Mount.

Mr. Merchand is known for being a demanding teacher who pushes his students to work hard and discover ambition and abilities they did not know they had. His dark humor is appreciated every day and students look forward to his next joke.

He is a dedicated teacher and an avid cycler and skier. Mr. Merchand shows the entire MSJ community how to work hard and invest into the community in which we belong.

Thank you for your years of service. We will miss you and your personality. Enjoy the adventures ahead!

Signatures...

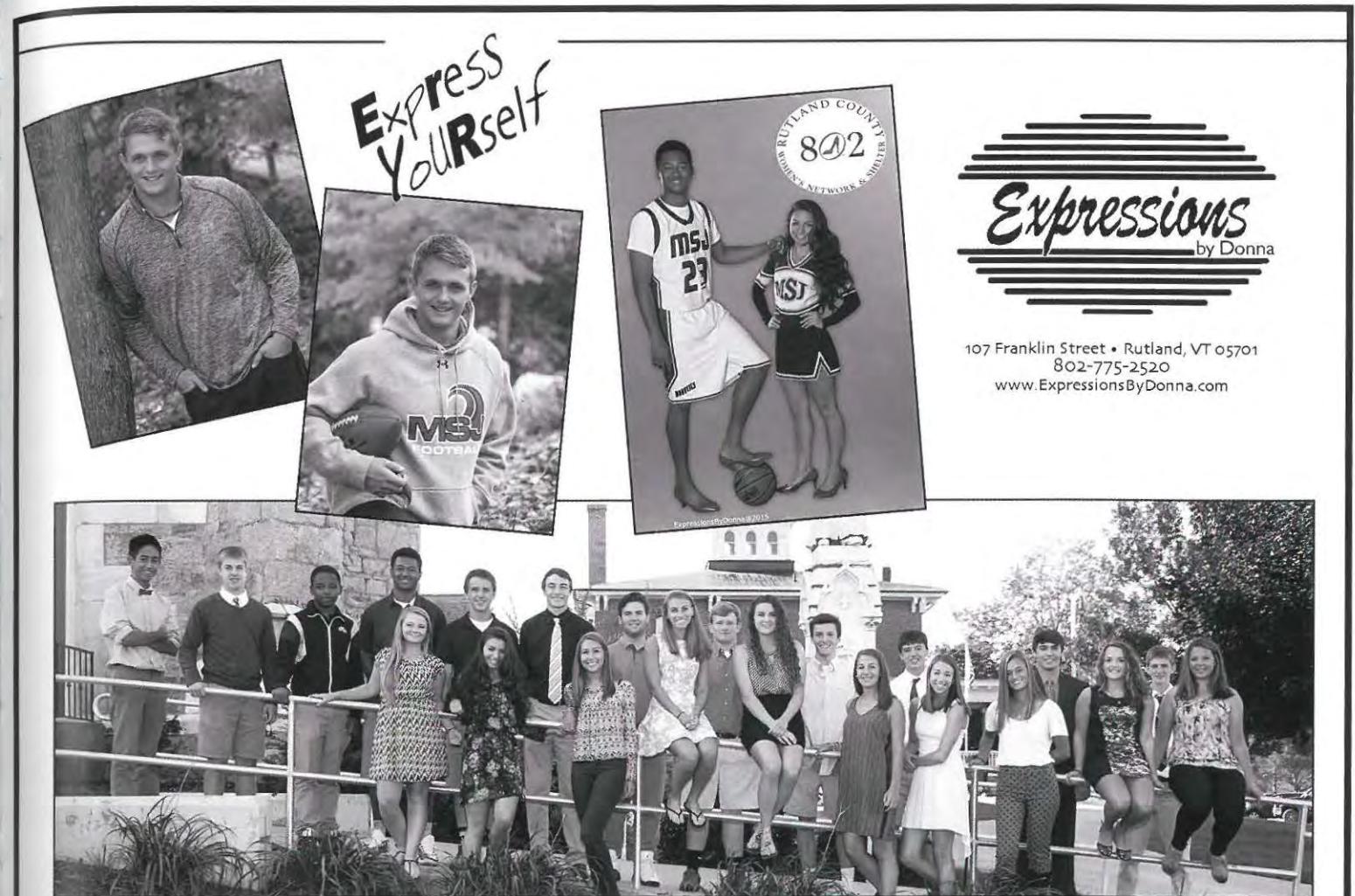
"Teachers Have Lives, Too"



Letter from the Advisor

It has been a great pleasure editing the yearbook with this year's three lovely, intelligent, and ambitious yearbook editors. Nicole Bruso, Lorie Dorce, and Heather McManus have given me insight as to the talent and personalities that are encouraged and grown during a student's time at MSJ. The Mounties uphold traditions of faith, volunteerism, and academic achievement at standards that are rarities in schools across the nation. The graduating class is full of unique individuals who have admirable goals, and I truly believe that they will use this rich high school experience to discover their purposes on Earth and each leave a benevolent mark. Thank you for letting me be a part of the MSJ family.

-Ms. Holmberg



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ON AN AWESOME YEAR**



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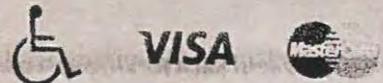
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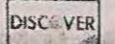
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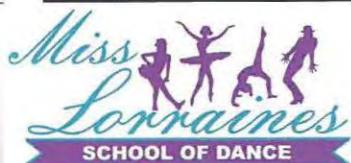


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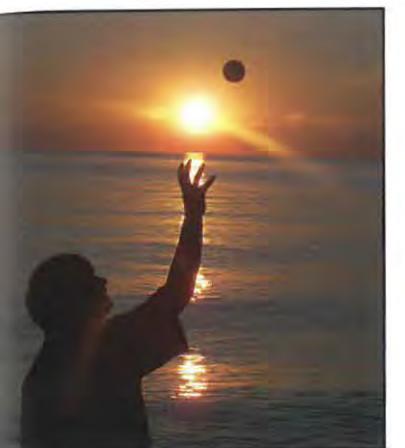
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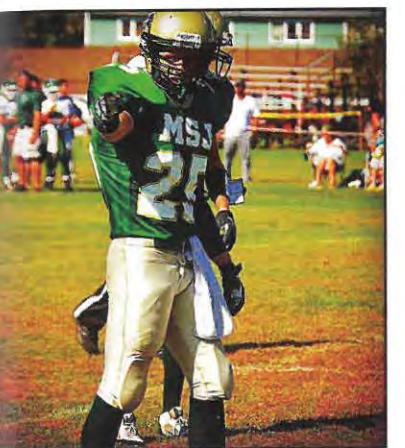
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Students must be admitted to CSJ through the traditional application process. In order to be considered for this grant, the student must write an additional essay (750-1,000 words) focusing on how the student's experiences at MSJ evidence the core values of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The student should also include how they plan to continue that effort at CSJ.



Chris Bills

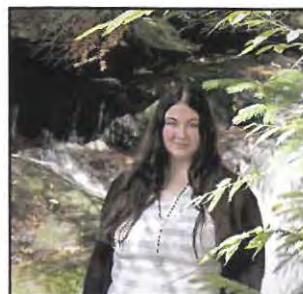
Congratulations! We are all so very proud of you! With love, Mom, Dad and Nikki Noodles.



Claire Elizabeth DiIonno



Congratulations,
Claire! We are so
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Dad, and Maddie



Heather

Congrats!! Believe in
yourself always! We are so
proud of you!

Love,
Your Mom and Step-Dad

Benjamin

Wishing You..Happiness, Good Health &
Prosperity In Your Future. We Are Very
Proud Of You & Your Accomplishments.
Congratulations Ben! We Love You.
Mom, Dad, Shelby, Corey & Family



Lucas Heald



Congratulations
Luke!
We love you - Mom,
Dad & Cosmo



Ann-Leiticia Blot

Ann Lei, You excel in everything you do but foremost, you excel in being YOU! Your smile lights up our lives and now it is time for it to light up the world. Keep reaching the stars, your place is among them. We are proud of you. We love you and we'll miss you. Mammie, Papounet, Ash, Nainaine, So, and Mitch. We've always had a love and hate relationship. But there will always be more love than hate. Remember blood is thicker than water. From your Best Sis In The World, ~Ash~.



Ann-Leiticia Blot

Your spirit has brightened our home! We can't wait to see what you do in the world! Congratulations! Love Lisa, Thomas, Tori, Ellie, Bear and Indie



Bethany Manfredi

Bethany,
Congratulations on your high school graduation! We are so very proud of you. You have grown into such a beautiful and talented young woman. We know you will succeed in anything the future holds for you. We love you so very much!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Kevin Nicolas Alexandre

Congratulations, Kevin!!!

We are very proud of the mature young man you have become. We know that God has an incredible plan for your life and believe that you can accomplish anything He leads you to do.
"Kenbe la, pa lage"

With all of our love, Mammi, Papi and David

Mauranne Geffrard

Congratulations Maumau!!!

The dedicated young woman you are will shine wherever she goes. May you always put God first in everything you do.
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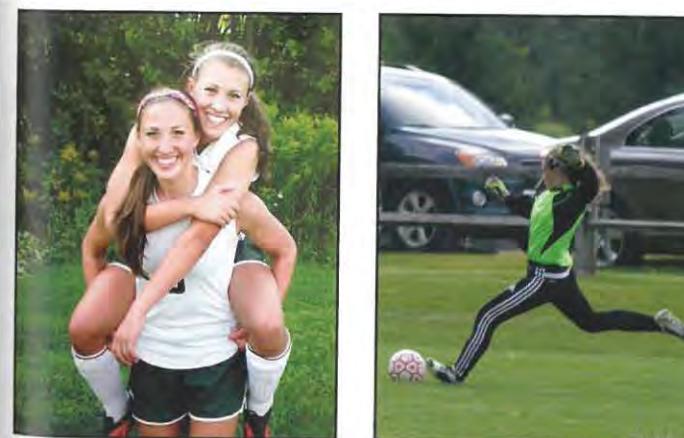
With all of our love, Marina, Shibly, Kevin and David

Nicole Bruso

We are so very proud of you and the person you have become. We love you more than words can say.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Jessica



Monica Schmelzenbach



Your days at MSJ have been good ones! These are two favorite photos of you from your Mountie days! It is no surprise that they have to do with your athleticism, school spirit and love of family.

God bless you, watch over you and protect you all the days of your life. Love, Mommy and Papa



Lorie Dorce

We are very proud of your success and are sure that you will face all the obstacles that university brings with the same energy, the same will, and imagination. I know that the world is in great need of talented young women with ambition like you. People who carry these traits have a promising future. Now, university is before you, and we know that you will succeed brilliantly. Congratulations!



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~Congratulations~

We are extremely proud of all your achievements.

Good Luck with your future goals Gup!

With Much Love,

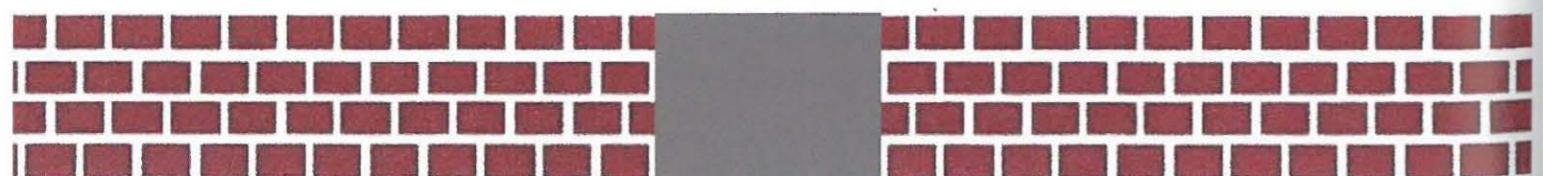
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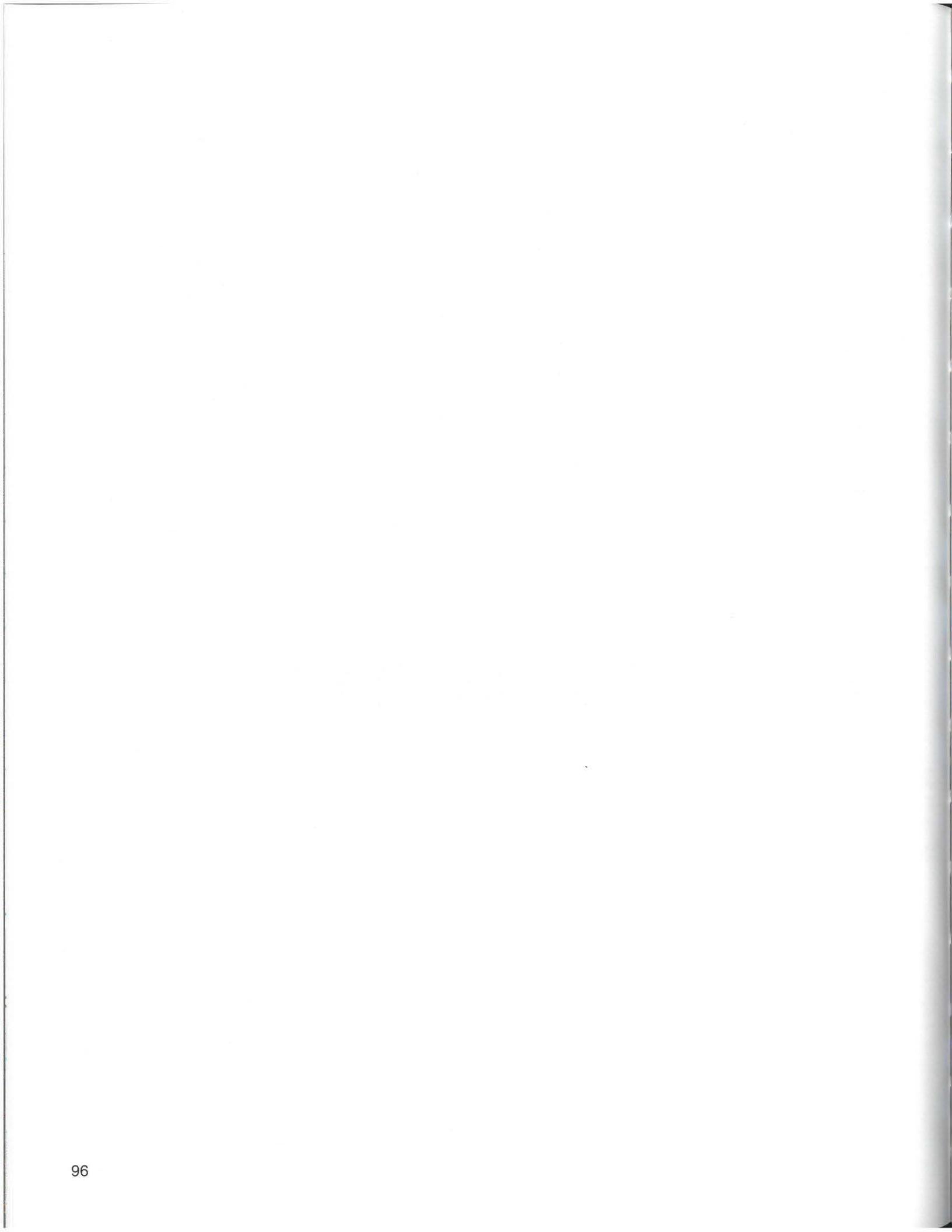


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MUSIC

1. NOT BAD

Taylor Swift's "Bad Blood" video, with an all-star cast of actresses and models, wins the VMA Music Video of the Year award.

2. A DIFFERENT DIRECTION

One Direction releases its sixth album, *Made In The A.M.*, and announces an extended break.

3. TRUE PURPOSE

Justin Bieber releases his fourth studio album, *Purpose*, which impresses even non-Beliebers.

4. FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

The Weeknd's *Beauty Behind the Madness* album features duets with Ed Sheeran and Lana Del Rey.

5. NOT TOO LATE

Drake delights fans and critics with his acclaimed album *If You're Reading This It's Too Late*.

6. WOMEN ON TOP

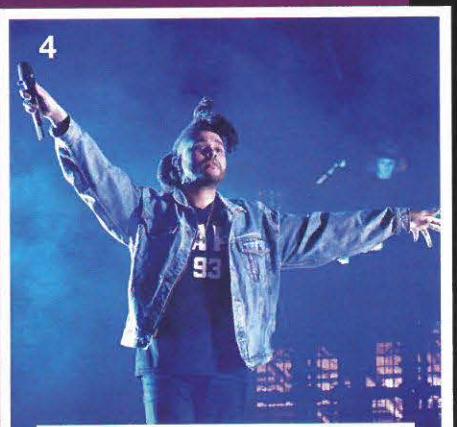
Katy Perry and Taylor Swift top the Forbes list of top-earning women in music.

7. CRUSHED IT

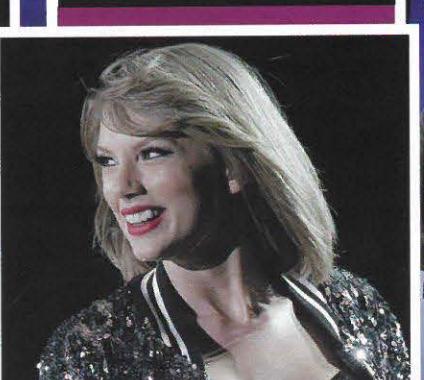
Little Big Town's "Girl Crush" wins Single of the Year and Song of the Year at the Country Music Awards.

8. WISTFUL HELLO

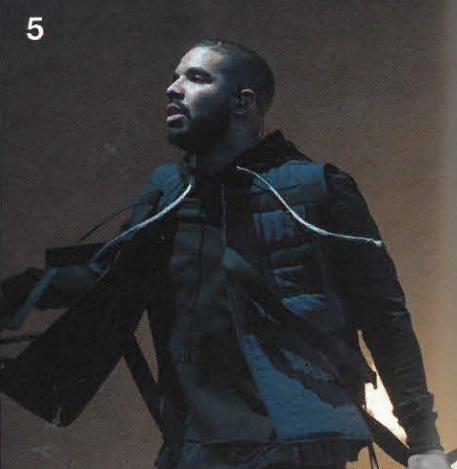
Adele releases "Hello," the first hit single from her much-awaited album *25*.



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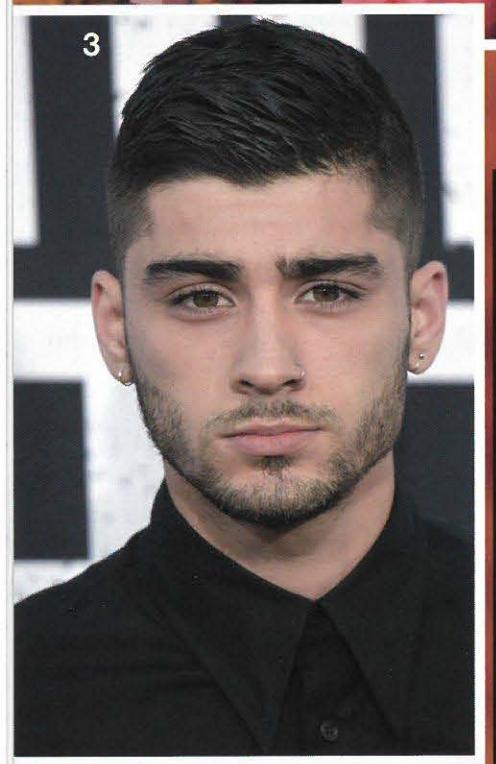
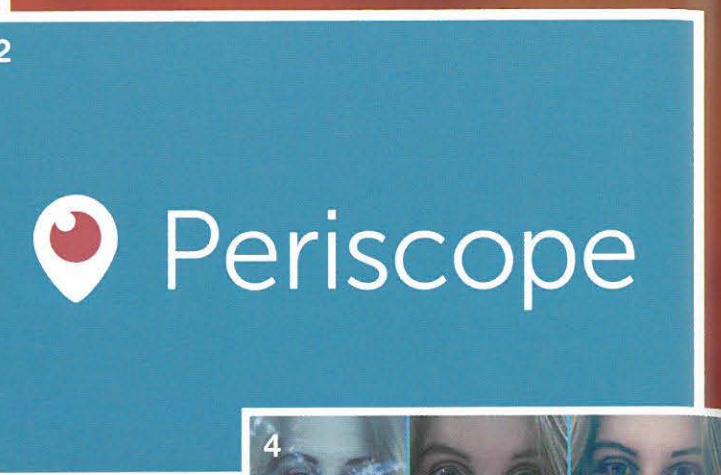


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TOP SONGS OF 2015

1. *Uptown Funk!* – Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars
2. *Thinking Out Loud* – Ed Sheeran
3. *See You Again* – Wiz Khalifa featuring Charlie Puth
4. *Trap Queen* – Fetty Wap
5. *Sugar* – Maroon 5
6. *Shut Up And Dance* – Walk the Moon
7. *Blank Space* – Taylor Swift
8. *Watch Me* – Silento
9. *Earned It* – The Weeknd
10. *The Hills* – The Weeknd



SOCIAL MEDIA

1. MINECRAFT

Minecraft: Pocket Edition, enabling users to build their own imaginative worlds, comes in on top for most downloaded game app.

2. LIFE IS A STREAM

Users broadcast their videos in real time with Periscope, the popular new live streaming app. Apple names it the iPhone® app of the year.

3. BOY BAND BEEF

One Direction fans are even more heartbroken when Zayn Malik launches a Twitter feud with his former band mates.

4. SELFIES 2.0

Snapchat launches Lenses, a suite of zany, animated special effects you can layer over your face.

5. CASH FOR CLANS

The small cost for exponentially increasing your ability to defend and combat opposing bases wins out over the wallet in the mobile app game, Clash of Clans. This top grossing app raked in an incredible \$1.56 million per day from users doling out real cash to develop virtual troops.

6. SILENT PROTEST

Taylor Swift refuses to put her 1989 album on Spotify and removes her older releases from the streaming service.

7. SNAPCHAT SURGES

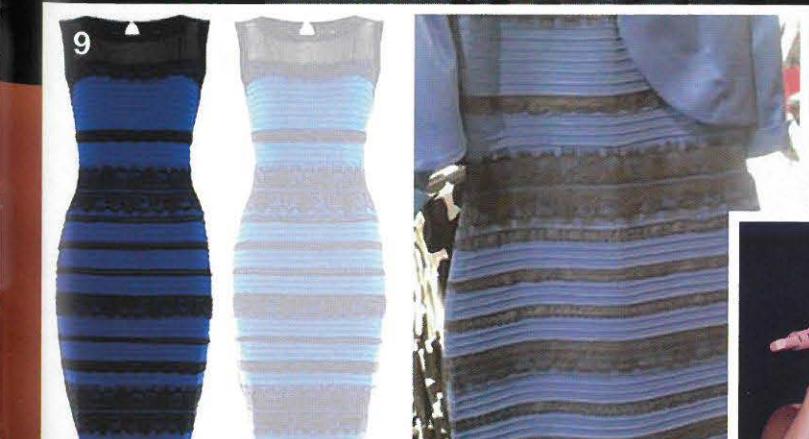
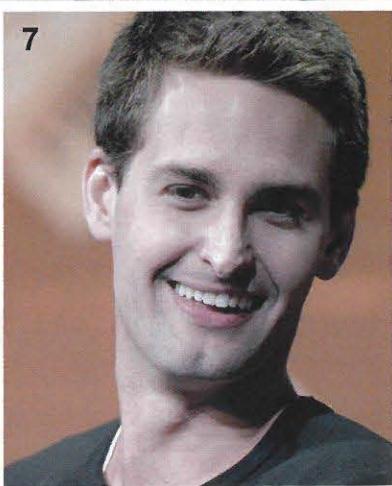
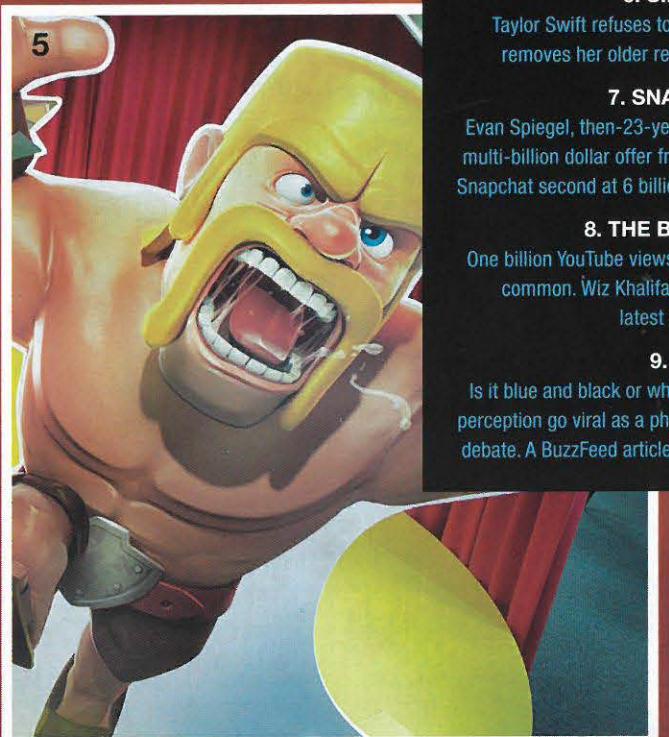
Evan Spiegel, then-23-year-old CEO of Snapchat, turned down a multi-billion dollar offer from Facebook. Now, usage reports hoist Snapchat second at 6 billion views per day to Facebook's 8 billion.

8. THE BILLION VIEW CLUB

One billion YouTube views, once rare, are becoming increasingly common. Wiz Khalifa's "See You Again" is the tenth and latest member of the club.

9. #THEDRESS

Is it blue and black or white and gold? Variations in human color perception go viral as a photo of a dress on Tumblr prompts heated debate. A BuzzFeed article about the dress attracts 37 million hits.



FOLLOW THE LEADERS

Katy Perry is the most-followed celebrity on Twitter.

1. Katy Perry
2. Justin Bieber
3. Taylor Swift
4. Barack Obama
5. YouTube
6. Rihanna
7. Lady Gaga
8. Justin Timberlake
9. Ellen DeGeneres
10. Twitter



<http://www.clickz.com/uk/2015/10/30/30-essential-twitter-statistics-for-advertisers>



SPORTS

1. ABBY HANGS UP HER CLEATS

The world's leading scorer and captain of USA women's soccer team, Abby Wambach, announced her retirement following Team USA's triumphant win against Japan (5-2) in the World Cup championship.

2. LITTLE LEAGUE, BIG WIN

Japan wins 2015 Little League Baseball World Series by defeating Mid-Atlantic in an astounding six innings. Shingo Tomita hit two opportune homers in the second and third innings that boosted his team toward their 18-11 run win.

3. DAYTONA SURPRISE

With his surprise Daytona 500 victory, Joey Logano of Team Penske grabs a spot in the chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup.

4. DIVISION ONE DOMINANCE

University of Alabama Crimson Tide defeats Clemson University Tigers 45 to 40 in the NCAA FBS National Championship game.

5. UFC UPSET

The #RouseyRevolution of MMA superstar Ronda Rousey takes an unexpected detour with a knockout from Holly Holm.

6. SERENA THE GREAT

After winning 3 of 4 Grand Slam tournaments in 2015, Serena Williams was named as the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year for the fourth time.

7. SUPER SHOWDOWN

Football fans sat captivated as the Denver Broncos defeated the Carolina Panthers 24 to 10 in the NFL Championship game at Levi's Stadium in San Francisco.

8. WARRIORS WIN

The Golden State Warriors end their 40-year championship drought by defeating the Cleveland Cavaliers to win the NBA Championship.

9. THE CUP COMES BACK

The Chicago Blackhawks defeat the Tampa Bay Lightning to win their sixth Stanley Cup Championship.

10. ROYALS REIGN

Kansas City fans go wild when the Royals defeat the New York Mets four games to one to win the MLB World Series.

2015 GOLD GLOVE AWARD WINNERS

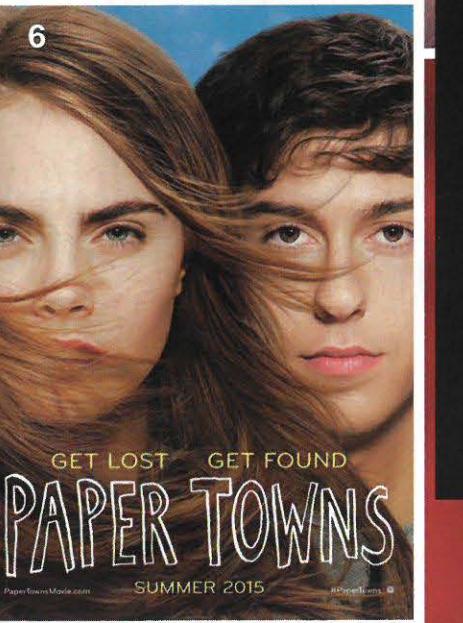
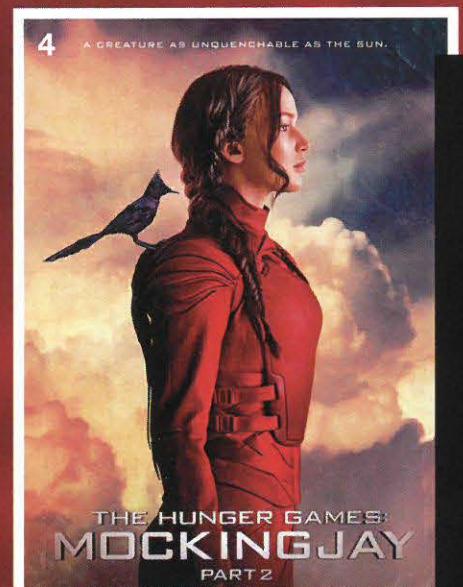
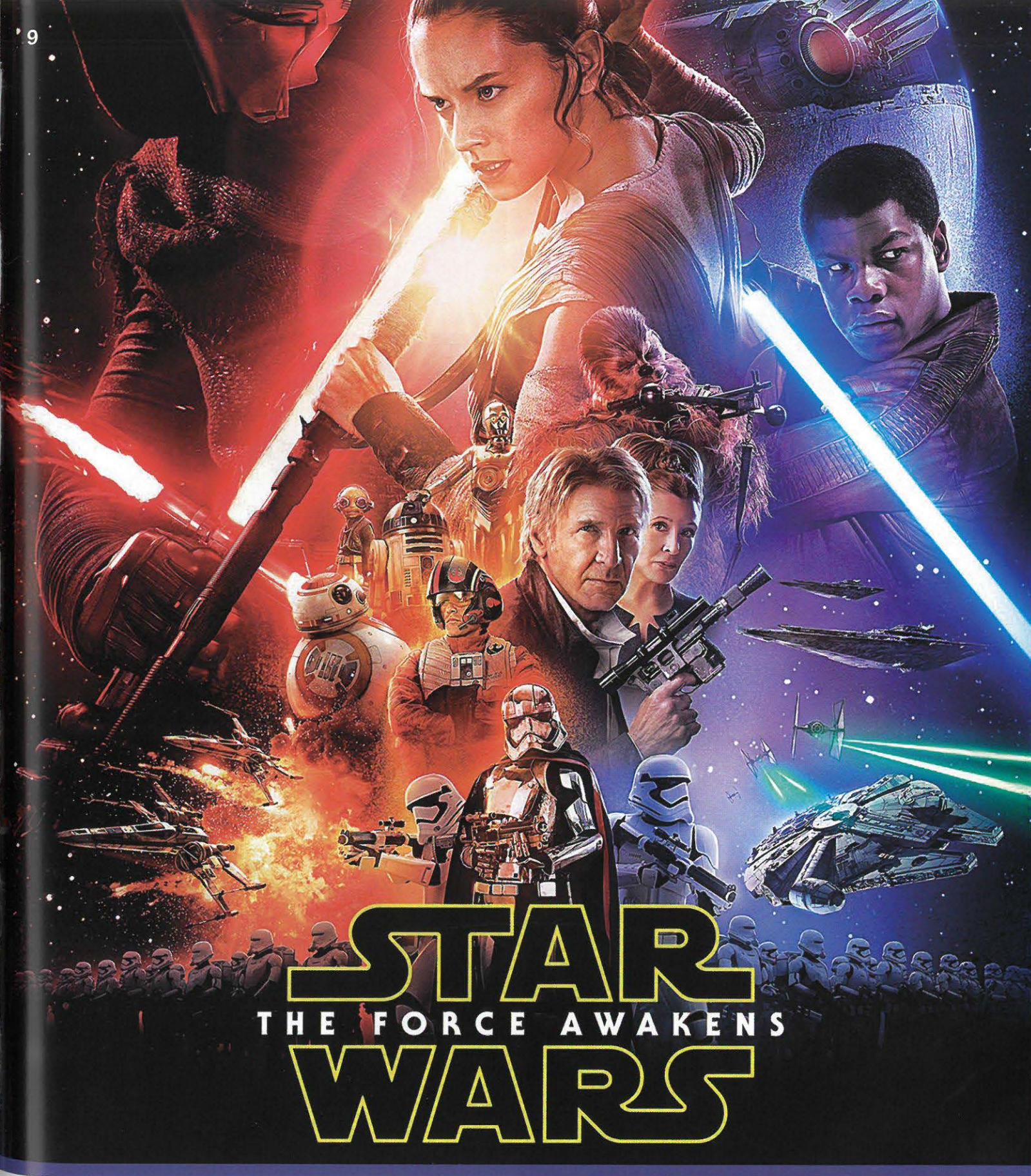
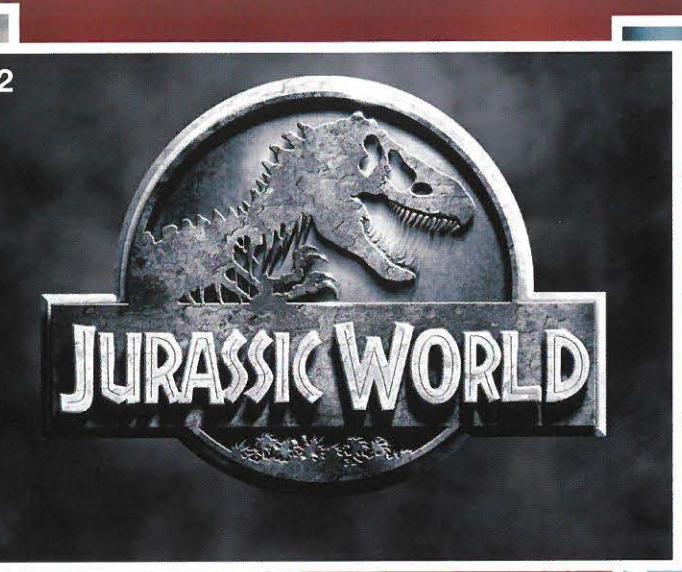
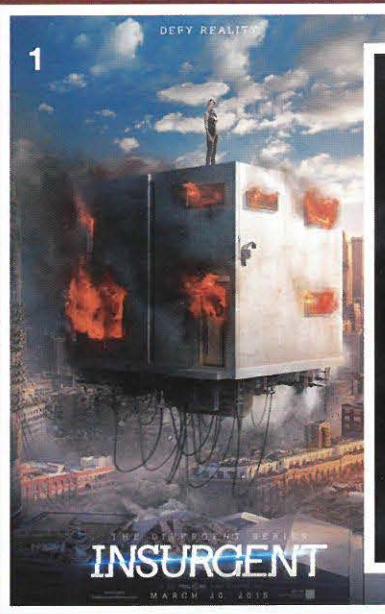
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C	Salvador Pérez	KCR	C	Yadier Molina	STL
1B	Eric Hosmer	KCR	1B	Paul Goldschmidt	ARI
2B	Jose Altuve	HOU	2B	Dee Gordon	MIA
3B	Manny Machado	BAL	3B	Nolan Arenado	COL
SS	Alcides Escobar	KCR	SS	Brandon Crawford	SF
LF	Yoenis Cespedes	DET	LF	Starling Marte	PIT
CF	Kevin Kiermaier	TB	CF	AJ Pollock	ARI
RF	Kole Calhoun	LAA	RF	Jason Heyward	STL

TOP 5

HIGHEST PAID ATHLETES OF 2015

- Floyd Mayweather, Jr.
- Manny Pacquiao
- Cristiano Ronaldo
- Lionel Messi
- Roger Federer

<http://www.cheatsheet.com/sports/the-7-highest-paid-athletes-in-2015.html?#a=viewall>



MOVIES

1. BEYOND THE WALL

Shailene Woodley returns as Tris Prior in the film adaptation of *The Divergent Series: Insurgent*.

2. A MONSTER HIT

Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard star in *Jurassic World*, the fourth movie in the Jurassic Park film series.

3. PRIDE AND JOY

The biopic *Joy* wins a Golden Globe, and so does Jennifer Lawrence for her portrayal of a divorced mom turned millionaire entrepreneur.

4. THE LIBERATION OF PANEM

Katniss Everdeen and her allies return to theaters for their final mission in *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2*.

5. WINS IN THE WILDERNESS

The Revenant, a dark frontier drama starring Leonardo DiCaprio, wins numerous awards and a positive approval rating of 81% on Rotten Tomatoes.

6. LOST AND FOUND

When Margo goes missing, Quentin skips school to find her in *Paper Towns*, the film adaptation of John Green's young adult novel.

7. THE BREAKING POINT

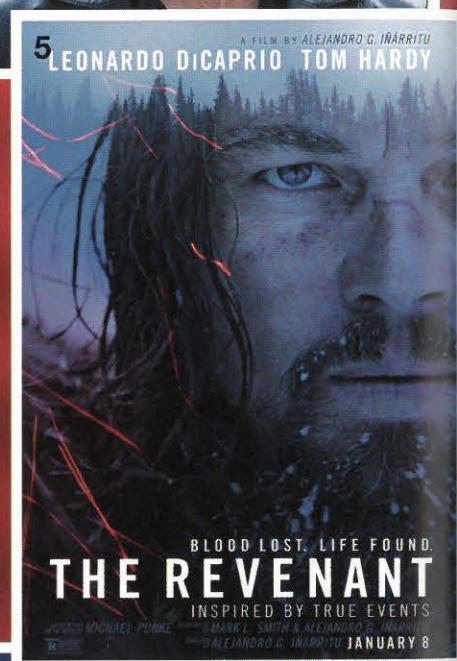
Adventurers attempt to complete eight extreme ordeals in *Point Break*; the drama fails to win over critics but performs well at the box office.

8. INSIDE OUT

Riley's emotions are personified in the newest Disney Pixar box office hit. Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness guide Riley through adjusting to her new life in San Francisco.

9. STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS

The new Star Wars film topped *Avatar* to claim the all-time No. 1 spot in North American box offices.



STAR WARS THE FORCE AWAKENS

TOP 10

AT THE BOX OFFICE IN 2015

<http://www.boxofficemojo.com/yearly/chart/?yr=2015>

1. *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*
2. *Jurassic World*
3. *Avengers: Age of Ultron*
4. *Inside Out*
5. *Furious 7*
6. *Minions*
7. *The Hunger Games – Part 2*
8. *The Martian*
9. *Cinderella (2015)*
10. *Spectre (James Bond)*

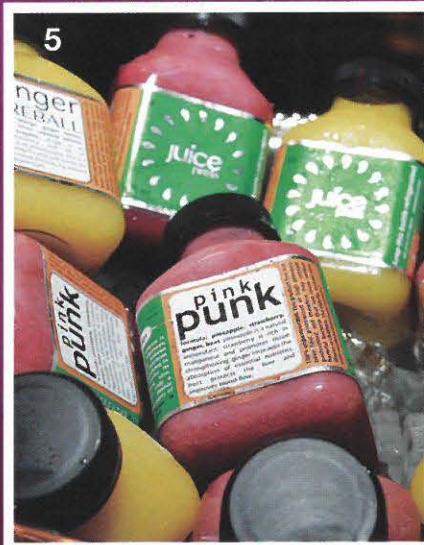
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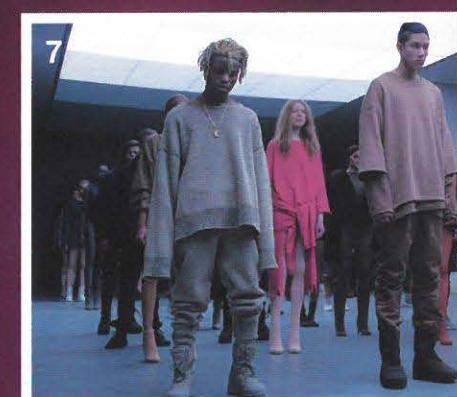
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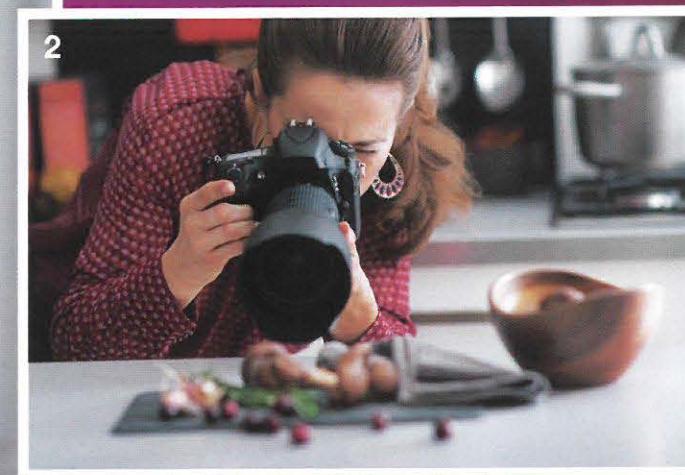
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POP CULTURE

1. 3D PRINTING EVOLVES

Demand for 3D printers climbs as the technology advances to accommodate metals, electronics, pharmaceuticals and biological materials.

2. BLOGGERS MAKE BANK

The most successful fashion and beauty bloggers and vloggers on Instagram can make up to \$500,000 per year by offering affiliate links and sponsored content.

3. CAITLYN'S COURAGE

Newly transitioned transgender celebrity Caitlyn Jenner accepts the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the ESPY Awards.

4. MOST LIKED INSTAGRAM EVER

With more than 2.5 million likes, the image of model and reality TV star Kendall Jenner, with her hair arranged in heart shapes, is the most-liked Instagram photo ever.

5. HEALTHY BUSINESS MODEL

With juice bar sales approaching \$100 million a year, the cold-pressed juicing cleanse trend continues as busy, health-conscious consumers seek a shortcut to wellness.

6. THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WOMAN

Time magazine names Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel its Person of the Year and describes her as "Chancellor of the Free World."

7. KANYE ON THE RUNWAY

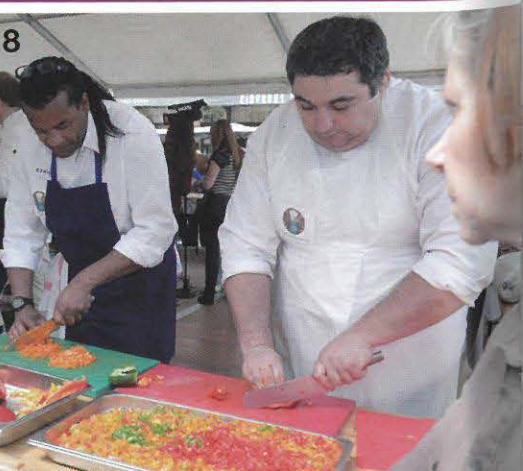
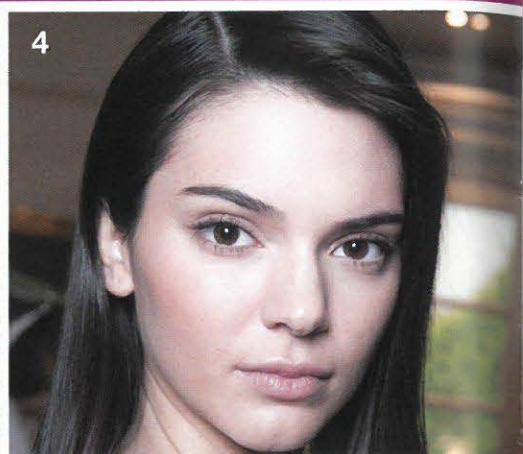
Following the success of Kanye West's Yeezy fashion label seasons 1 and 2, he recently debuted his third season at New York Fashion Week.

8. WASTE NOT

A Manhattan chef creates fine dining from "garbage" ingredients to demonstrate how to prevent food waste. The Federal government declares a national food waste reduction goal of 50% by 2030.

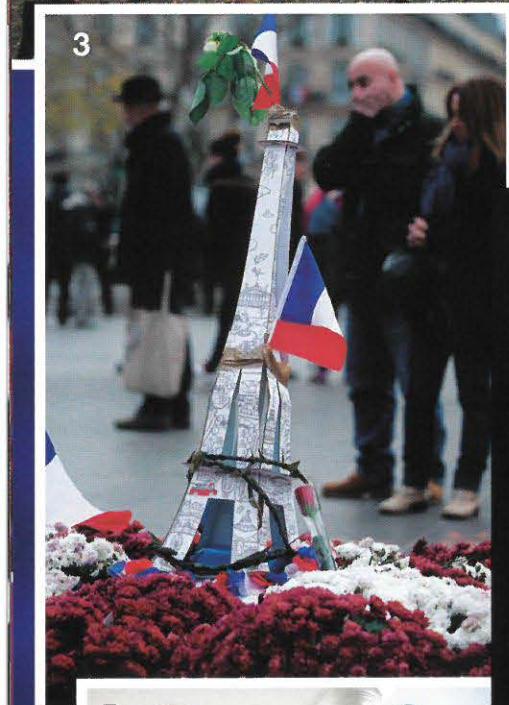
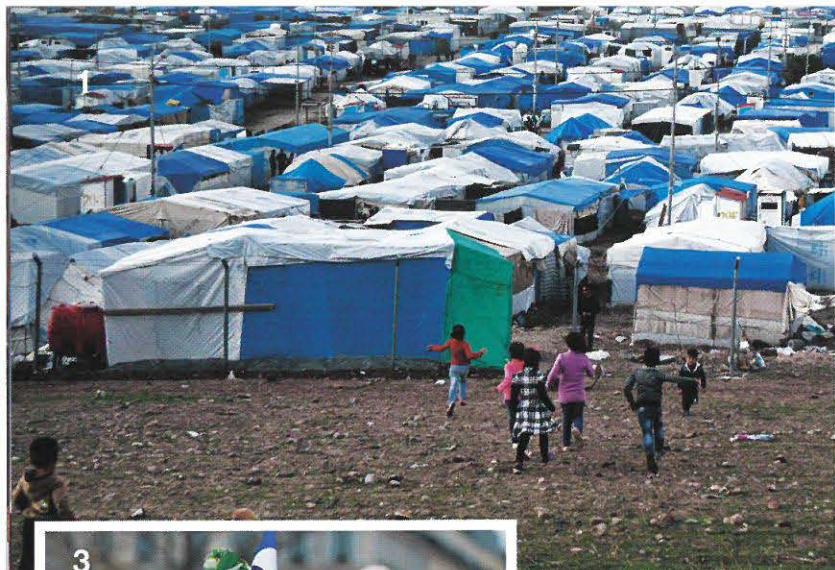
9. THE WATCHWORLD IS WEARABLE

Although sales of \$1.7 billion are modest compared to the iPhone®, the Apple Watch® ushers wearable tech into the consumer market.



TOP 10 GOOGLE SEARCHES OF 2015

1. Paris Under Attack
2. Adele's Year
3. Oscars 2015
4. Caitlyn Jenner
5. Election of 2016
6. Mayweather vs. Pacquiao
7. Black Lives Matter
8. Guns in America
9. Royals Win World Series
10. A New Era in Late Night TV



HEADLINES

1. SYRIAN CRISIS

Continuing civil war in Syria results in more than 11 million refugees; more than 220,000 have died since the conflict began.

2. SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court rules that same-sex marriage is legal in all 50 states.

3. TERRORISTS ATTACK PARIS

ISIS terrorists launch coordinated attacks targeting a soccer stadium, a rock concert and several restaurants in the French capital; 130 people perish.

4. PRE-PRIMARY

Candidates for 2016 Presidential Election Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders battle to be the Democrats' nominee. Donald Trump and Ben Carson were early frontrunners in the GOP race.

5. THE POPE COMES TO AMERICA

During his stay Pope Francis spoke to Congress, visited the White House, and dined with the homeless in Washington D.C.

6. APPLE ADVANCES

The new iPhone® 6s features more durable aluminum construction, a rose gold color option, 3D Touch access to apps and a 12MP camera.

7. NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

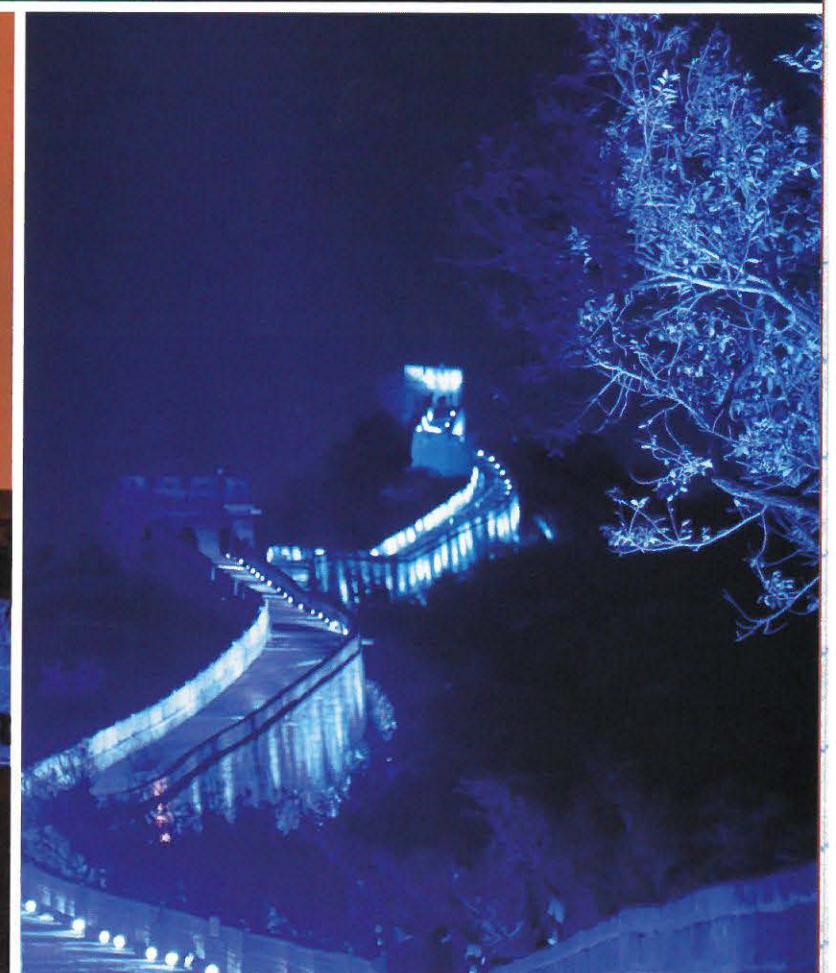
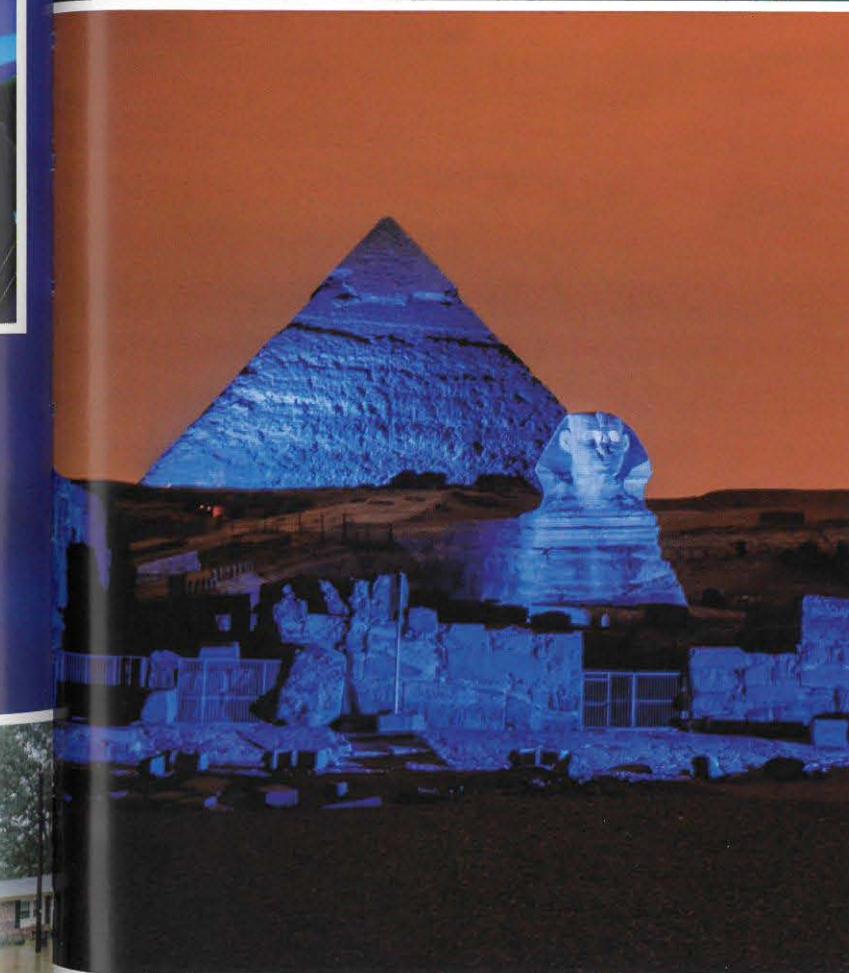
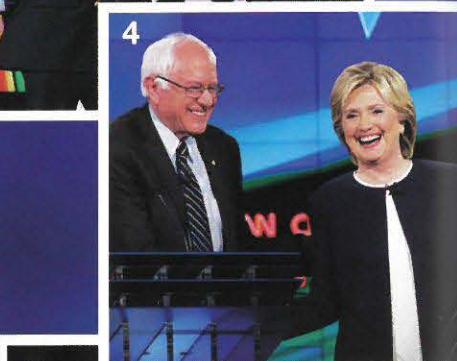
A magnitude 7.8 earthquake in Nepal rocks villages, damages structures and kills at least 5,000.

8. SOUTH CAROLINA DELUGE

Record-breaking rainfall amounts of up to 24 inches cause catastrophic flooding in the central and eastern regions of the state. Residents of Columbia are evacuated as the Overcreek Dam fails.

9. UNITED NATIONS OBSERVE 70TH ANNIVERSARY

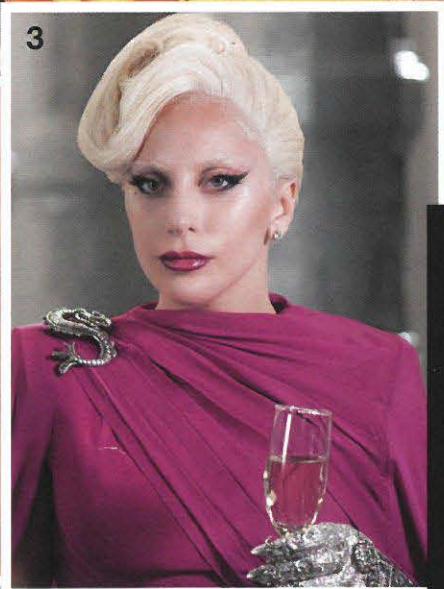
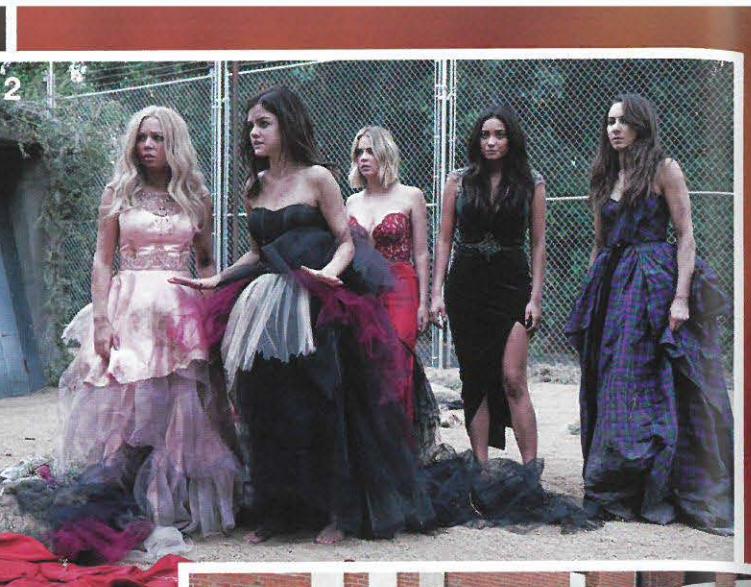
More than 350 landmarks in more than 80 countries around the world celebrate with brilliant displays of blue lights. Blue is the official color of the UN.



MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE ACCORDING TO FORBES IN 2015

<http://www.forbes.com/powerful-people/list/#tab:overall>

1. Vladimir Putin, 63
2. Angela Merkel, 61
3. Barack Obama, 54
4. Pope Francis, 79
5. Xi Jinping, 62
6. Bill Gates, 60
7. Janet Yellen, 69
8. David Cameron, 49
9. Narendra Modi, 65
10. Larry Page, 42



TV/GAMING

1. SCREAM QUEENS

A serial killer called the Red Devil menaces the sorority sisters of Kappa Kappa Tau in the debut season of the Fox network's horror comedy.

2. PRETTY LITTLE LIARS

The Liars escape the dollhouse and secret identities are revealed in Season 6 of the ABC Family network drama.

3. AMERICAN HORROR STORY: HOTEL

Lady Gaga stars as The Countess in Season 5 of the FX horror series, set in a haunted Los Angeles hotel.

4. ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK

Netflix commits to a fourth season of the binge-worthy drama series, set in a women's prison.

5. AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL: GUYS & GIRLS

The judges choose Nyle DiMarco and Mamé Adjei as winners in Cycle 22 of the final season of the CW reality show.

6. TOP-RANKED YOUTUBE GAMERS

With more than 10 billion video views, Swedish gamer PewDiePie tops the leaderboard of most popular YouTube channels.

7. NEW GAME, NEW STAR

Rory McIlroy succeeds Tiger Woods as the new face of EA Sports' PGA Tour golf game.

8. eSPORTS ARE BRINGING IN BILLIONS

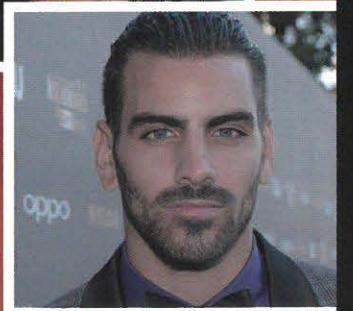
With larger audiences and bigger prize pools, eGaming tournaments rival traditional sports events.

9. ESPN LEADS IN ALL-TIME CABLE RATINGS

ESPN is the most-watched cable network, even during presidential debates and news stories; the network holds the record for the top 20 most-viewed programs in cable TV history.

10. CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS III

The first-person shooter is set in the year 2065 and features zombie storylines, robotic drones and a team of soldiers with cybernetic enhancements.



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LEGO BRANDS

1. LEGO IS LIFE
Life Lego was named Forbes Most Powerful Brand of 2015 after debuting their new *Lego Marvel's Avengers* and *Lego Jurassic World* toys.

TOP 10

MOST VALUABLE BRANDS IN 2015

1. Apple, \$145.3 billion
2. Microsoft, \$69.3 billion
3. Google, \$65.6 billion
4. Coca-Cola, \$56 billion
5. IBM, \$49.8 billion
6. McDonald's, \$39.5 billion
7. Samsung, \$37.9 billion
8. Toyota, \$37.8 billion
9. General Electric (GE), \$37.5 billion
10. Facebook, \$36.5 billion

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FOOD	23%
CLOTHING	20%
ACCESSORIES	10%
VIDEO GAMES	8%
CARS	8%
ELECTRONICS	7%
REMAINING	16%

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